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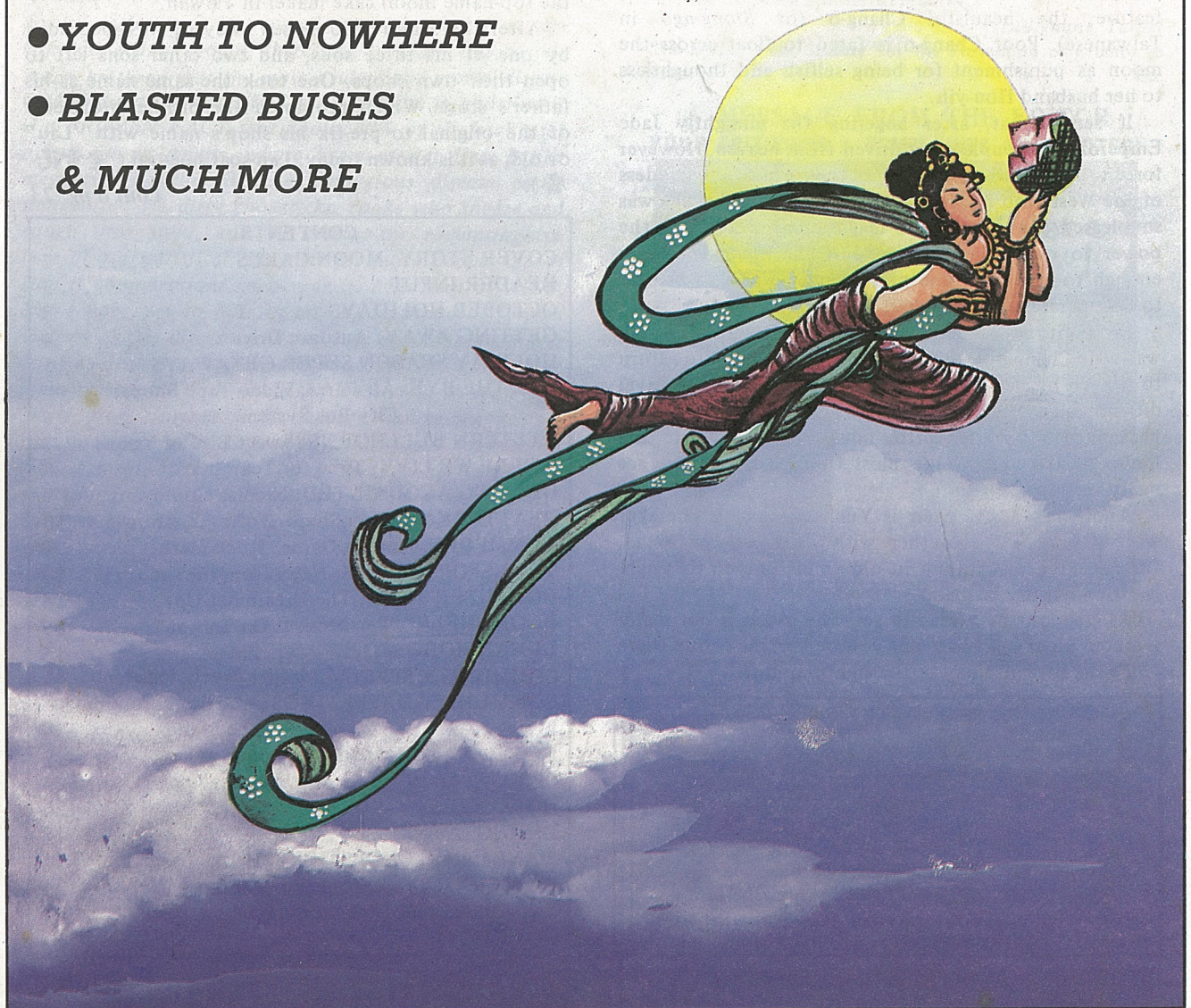

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COVER STORY

Moon festival time, 7th Oct. (15th of the 8th lunar month)

Although the festival is presumed to be very much older, the earliest writings concerning the festival are found in poems dating back to A.D. 265.

Tales concerning the moon festival relate not so much to the festival itself but to the moon and it's legendary inhabitants, somehow similar to the west's man-in-the-moon.

Amongst those residing on the moon are a rabbit, who grinds gold and jade with mortar and pestle, and there is the woodsman who must eternally chop down the same tree which becomes whole again each time he cuts it down.

By far the most well known lunar lodger is our cover feature, the beautiful Chang-o (or *Siong-ngo* in Taiwanese). Poor Chang-o is fated to float across the moon as punishment for being selfish and thoughtless to her husband Hou-yih.

It seems that, after angering the almightly Jade Emperor, the couple were driven from heaven. However fortune smiled upon Hou-yih in the form of the goddess of the West who had him build a palace for her. She was so pleased she give him a magic elixir which had the power to reach the heavens. But the elixir was only enough to transport one person and he could not bear to be separated from his wife, the lovely Chang-o.

In a fit of remorse and self-pity, while Hou-yih was out, Chang-o drank all of the elixir hoping to return to heaven by herself. The gods seeing Chang-o's betrayal did not allow her entry. So, Chang-o, unable to enter heaven or return to earth, must float forever in the limbo of the skies. Like most Chinese tales there are many versions.

Another moon citizen is Yueh-lao the matchmaker who ties couples together with his invisible thread. Girls seeking matrimony in old China prayed to Yueh-lao for a worthy husband.

As you can now readily see, the moon is not really a lonely place . . . who will you be looking for up there come the fifteenth day of the eighth moon?

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TAIWAN MOON CAKES REVIEWED

Around the turn of this century a certain Li-chi (梨記) started his moon cake business in the town of Sheh-Koo (Shekou in Mandarin; 社口) in Tai-tiyong County (Taichung Co.台中鄉). He soon became widely known for his excellent products. The shop, about 1 km east of the Fengyuan freeway exit on route 10A, is still there, operated by a son.

About 1920 an apprentice nicknamed Koo-ah-tsui (Kwei-tzu-shui; 龜仔水), left his teacher to open his own hsop in Hong-wan (Fengyuan 豐原), a few kilometers away. Using his nickname as his logo (turtle and water), he named his shop Soat-hue-tsai (Hsueh-hwa-tsai 雪花齋) or "Snow Flower Establishment." This shop soon became famous and today is probably the top-name moon cake maker in Taiwan.

After the senior Koo passed away he was succeeded by one of his three sons, and two other sons left to open their own shops. One took the same name as his father's store. Which prompted the brother-proprietor of the original to pre-fix his shop's name with "Lau" or old, as it is known today; Lau-soat hue-tsai (老雪花齋).

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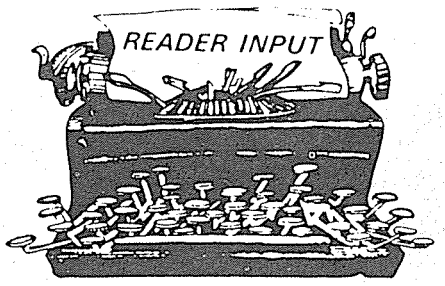

LIVERS AND LOVERS

Dear Grapevine,

I've followed the running debate on AIDS in the local press with great disgust in recent months, and I especially loathe the Asian tendency to brand all "foreign devils" as festering sources of contamination. It is perhaps not inappropriate, therefore, to point out to our Asian brethren that the most virulent and mortal disease in Asia today is not AIDS but Hepatitis B, and that it is a PROVEN FACT that about 80% of all fatal cases occur among Asians, whose livers attract Hep B like magnets. Hepatitis B is a contagious disease easily transmitted via dirty chopsticks, cooks who sneeze and cough into food, and of course the romantic kiss. It is also a statistical fact that far more people die of Hep B complications each year in Asia than of AIDS. Yet I have yet to hear of any of us innocent foreign victims of this disease rant and rave against our Chinese hosts as dealers of disease and death. It would therefore seem reasonable to request the local press to cease and desist from further inflammatory campaigns against fraternization with foreigners, and focus instead on getting local citizens to "clean up their act" and stop contaminating us with Hep B virus. Chinese women with Western boyfriends are far more likely to infect their lovers' livers with Hep B, than their lovers are to give them AIDS, and Hep B is the more deadly disease in Asia today.

Sincerely, L.D.

NUTS TO CYRIL

Dear Grapevine,

Who is this nerd Cyril to joke about the United States (Readers Input Sept. 1987) and it's elections? At least in U.S. democracy citizens have two fully recognized and active partices, either one of which can nominate a 'Eunoch' if they so wish, and even if they can't spell it correctly.

Proud American, Taichung

Correction taken: It's Eunuch, Cyril. Ed.

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CHICKENS GOT RIGHTS

Editor,

It was with utter revulsion ghat I read the article entitled "Case of The Defecating Chicken," (Sept. 1987) morecver because this from of abuse of an innocent animal, by inducing diarrhera, was previously explained to me.

If there were an SPCA here these degenerates would not be allowed to torture helpless creatures. Next year why don't they use a live cobra for their perverted contest – just to even things up a bit?

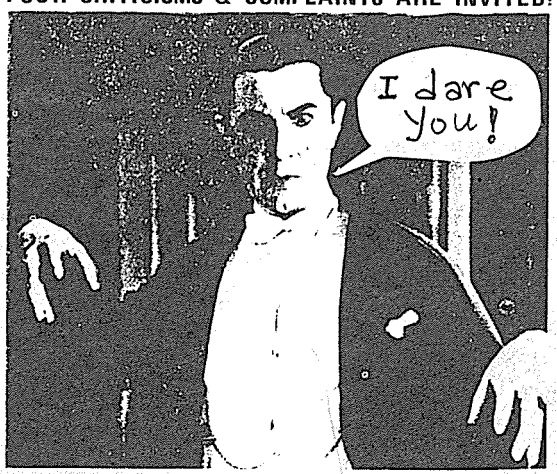
And, let us hope that Grapevine did not publish the article due to a similar depravity.

Indignant, Taipei

The SPCA is the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Ed.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

YOUR CRITICISMS & COMPLAINTS ARE INVITED!



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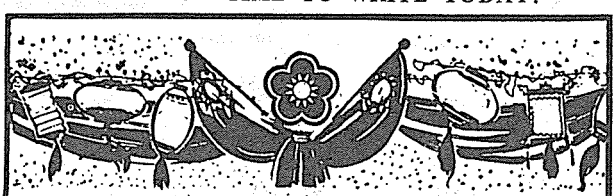


OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

7th, Wed:

Mid-Autumn (Moon) Festival. See Cover Story

10th, Sat:

Double tenth celebration in observance of the establishment of the Republic of China.

25th, Sun:

Taiwan Restoration Day. Taiwan ceded back to China after WWII.

31st, Sat:

Birthday of the late President Chiang Kai Shek.

FELICITATIONS

AN AUTUMN DRIVE

No matter if your mode of transport is automobile, motorcycle, or bicycle, a few hours along Route 3, between Pingtung in the south and Chiayi to the north is a refreshing, scenic and informative trip, will worth 3 to 4 hours of leisurely motoring.

Our drive, began as an afterthought, on the way back from a visit to Kaohsiung, started by heading over to Pingtung on route 1A which meets Route 3 on the left at the forward edge of Pingtung City.

Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, due to bridge repairs the Rte. 3 intersection was closed and, as is the usual case, with no detour guide-signs we missed getting onto it at Pingtung and wound up on Rte. 185 which, if you have the time, is definitely a more interesting, albeit narrow, alternative. Our route is shown on the accompanying map. From 185 we cut back to 3 on Rte. 188.

An alternative way to reach route 3 is by taking Rte. 184 at the Alien (阿蓮) freeway exit, which lies between Tainan and Kaohsiung. By taking this road you can pass through the rather unusual area called "moon

Mud and rock slides abound

world" (月世界), thus dubbed by someone who hasn't been on the moon. A bit further south, off the Nantzu (楠梓) exit, Rte. 188 also runs over to Rte. 3.

Before setting out on this drive you must firmly decide on driving at a safe and sane pace. Any number and manner of surprises, ranging from pigs, geese and children to rocks, mud, erosion and an occasional insane truck driver, invite speeders to disaster. It might be added that (especially) in these small towns and villages traffic lights mean virtually nothing. The dangers were attested to by several cars and trucks gracing roadside ditches along the way, testaments to unsuccessful diversion factics.

But with all of this known, and duly considered in advance, the driver can also enjoy the trip immensely just by taking it easy.

The drive from Pingtung to Chi-shan (旗山) is a series of banana orchards, sugar cane fields, and a sprinkling of other assorted fruit trees interspersed by small but interesting towns and villages. This first stretch (if you are going south to north) is through

Crossing over a scenic gorge near Ta-pu

flatlands. Nei-men (內門) was especially charming with it's temple and pond in the center of the village. The smell from local charcoal-making kilns reminds one of an outdoor barbeque.

As you head toward Chung-pu (中埔) (the first of two by the same name, but 115 kms apart) you are suddenly in the mountains for the next 108 kms. There were no less than 50 mud and/or rock slides in evidence throughout this distance. Traversing this road during or within a few days after a rain is definitely not recommended.

At Nan-hua (南化) you can elect to take route 20 over to the Tainan freeway interchange but you'll be missing the most scenic part of the drive and some breathtaking views, mostly through beautiful virgin vegetation and wild bamboo thickets. It is a real blessing on populous Taiwan to be able to drive a full 30 minutes without seeing another vehicle, and this is possible on a weekday in this mountainous region.

The prettiest area, in our opinion, was the bridge area just past Ta-pu, but sadly about 18 kms beyond Ta-pu (大埔) civilization slowly begins to reappear with roadside stands and the attendant debris, increasing cultivation, betel nut palms in great profusion and finally at Yun-shui (濛水) you drive down onto the plains

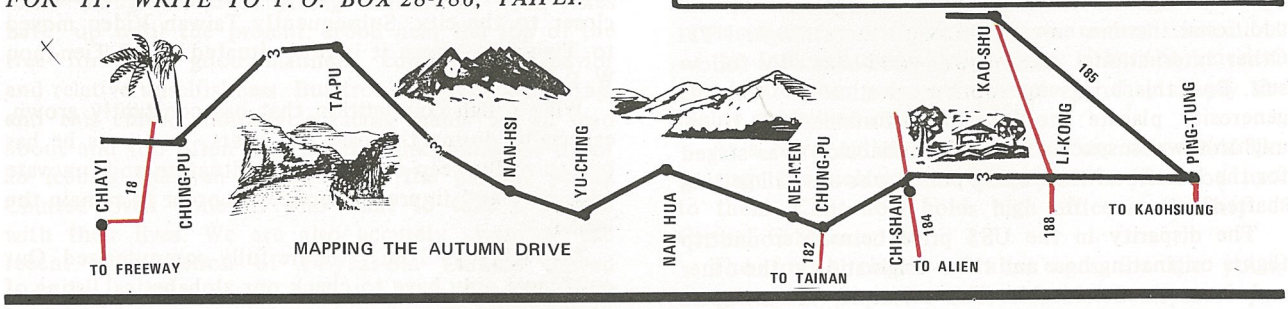
Roadside sign gives dire warning

and about 27 km to the freeway, through Chiayi.

Route 3 is in fairly good condition and well marked, the freeway directional signs beyond Yun-shui are easily followed. This wasn't so on the detour over routes 185 and 188, at Pingtung, where we had to make a few guesses, luckily the right ones. The Rte. 3 detour at Pingtung will be in place until February 1989, upon completion of the new bridge.

There are a few gasoline stations along the way but for a "no-sweat" drive fill up in advance. ◇

IF YOU HAVE AN ORIGINAL AND INTERESTING TAIWAN TRAVEL VENTURE GRAPEVINE MIGHT LIKE IT ENOUGH TO PAY FOR IT. WRITE TO P. O. BOX 28-186, TAIPEI.



MAPPING THE AUTUMN DRIVE

FANTASTIC HOLIDAY SEASON GET – AWAYS – 2 TAIWAN FIRSTS

It is time to start planning ahead for the Christmas and Chinese New Year season holidays, and why not try something new and different?

For the first time in Taiwan unique, pre-arranged, all inclusive tours are available for two of the world's most fabulous trips; an Indian tour on the fabled Maharajah's train, or a Nile River cruise through ancient Egypt.

First choice of the season, during the Christmas-New Year holiday, is India in 12 days from the Maharajah's train, a remnant of colonial luxury, also known as the Palace on Wheels, which takes you from Delhi over a route covering such historic stops as Bharatpur, Agra, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Udaipur and Jaipur. The traveller enjoys life on one of the world's last remaining classic luxury trains with inclusive side trips to many and varied fabled sites along the way.

Facilities on the train include private luxuriously furnished cabins, or saloons, that boast kitchenette, mini-bar and two toilets with showers. The train ride is also enhanced by a dining car serving gourmet-class food, postal services, and a currency exchange counter. This 12 day tour is truly fascinating. It will also be available during Lunar New Year.

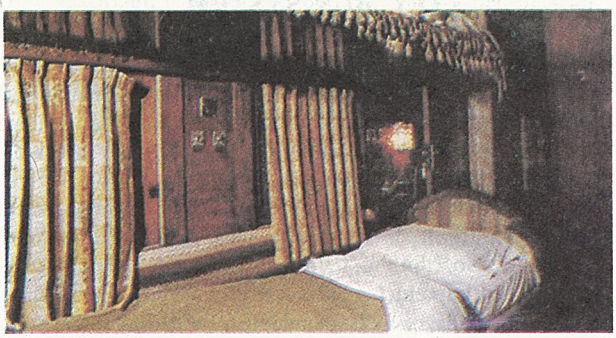
The second choice, covering the Lunar New Year period is another classic custom tour – a Nile cruise through ancient Egypt.

The cruise vessels for this tour are the largest ships on the Nile and are fully equipped to carry you comfortably over the ageless waterway travelled by the pharoahs during a civilization dating back 4000 years.

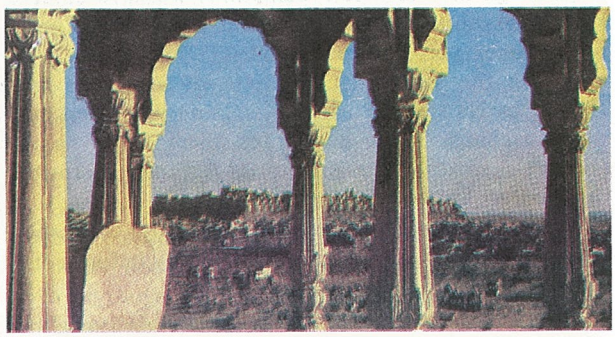
Stops are made along the way to see famed ancient temples, tombs, Valley of the Kings, Aswan, Luxor (also known as Thebes) amongst many other fascinating attractions for an unparalelled eight days.

The ships are well appointed with privite cabins, all necessities, and added luxuries, including swimming pool, to provide and entertain the traveller with a comfortable and memorable journey.

For either (or both) of these 'first-offered' tours phone Taipei 773-5122/3 during office hours. Evenings dial 871-7374 or 781-6314. (See ad back cover)



Plush sleeping on Maharajah's train



Breathtaking holidays on ancient sites

BYE-THE-BYE

EXORBITANT AIR FARES

It is time for air travellers, expats and locals alike, to join the Consumers Foundation and mount a cry against the way they are getting screwed by the airlines serving Taiwan. Taiwan has always been bad about surcharged airfares to everywhere, and now it is worse. The lower fuel costs and huge revaluation of the NT$ from 40 to 30 should long ago have signalled for an automatic reduction in all fares. But China Airlines, the national carrier had to be *ordered* to reduce it's fares, to which they responded with a miserly 12% reduction on international fares, barely half of the additional income. enjoyed through the stronger NT$. Other international carriers will good-heartedly follow suit. But, this brings up another question . . . will this generosity placate the Consumers Foundation? If so, mightn't we suspect the whole hullabaloo was staged for the benefit of the paying public who are still getting shafted?

The disparity in the US$ price between roundtrip flights originating here and those originating at the other end is now unendurable. For example, the cheapest round trip to Manila (in mid-September) was US$383. A ticket for the same distance covered but purchased in Manila costs only US$250. The extortion at this end is over 50%.

Some travellers have obtained reasonably-priced tickets from abroad only to have these *foreign* tickets refused at the CKS counters. There has been one test against this outrage, which was resolved in favor of the passenger, but others are needed. The principal is firmly established in every nation with a law of contracts. If a passenger holds a ticket for an airline to carry him from Taipei to anywhere, the airline can be held to this commitment even if the ticket was issued at the North Pole. But, as of press time, every international carrier we know is willing to take your money, issue a ticket and then tell you you are out of luck at the check-in counter. ◈

THE VIDEO TAPE GAME

Our friend George, having been the owner of Taiwan's answer to lousy TV programming, a video recorder (VCR or VTR) for several years now, has often amused us with his continual comic complaints about video tape rentals and the shops which provide them.

Through his colorful explanations we have come to know the unbelievable visual and audio antics many rental tapes perform to disenchant the viewers while enriching the rentors at the rate of anywhere from NT$20 to NT$60 per cassette. . . and just when tapes were reaching a sane rental fee these video bandits (George's words) thought up *hi-fi* tapes at roughly double the old fee at some shops.

We are also made aware of the trials and tribulations of getting one's deposit back . . . hopefully before a shop closes it doors forever.

George has tried them all, including small neighborhood holes-in-the-wall where one has to make selections by browsing through every last tape in the shop, since there is no logical system of numbers or titles. He might even get lucky and find a coherent film that is not an outdated, third-rate, dubbed-in macaroni flick.

So when it came time to do a write-up on video tape rental shops we consulted old George. "Well," mused George, "if you want the ultimate in an expat orientated shop go over to Taiwan Video in Tien-mou and talk to Tom the owner.

So that's how we ended up at Taiwan Video on Tien-mou West Rd., just up the road from McDonald's.

We asked how Taiwan Video was different, to which Tom explained that he established the first video tape rental library in Taipei back in 1975 on Nung An St. when the expat community was less spread out and closer to the city. Subsequently Taiwan Video moved to Tien-mou where it is now situated at 27 Tien-mou W. Rd.

With tough competition that has constantly grown, especially during the past five years, Tom says he has had to really keep on top of the situation and innovate with new and improved services in order to remain the leader.

"Now," says Tom, "we are fully computerized. Our customers only have to check our alphabetical listing of titles; our staff and computer do the rest in minimal time. And if you want to choose by actor's name our computer will run a check on all films with that actor in our library, giving the year the film was released and it's relative popularity. In fact, all listed titles are dated and popularity-rated for our customer's guidance."

"Of course we must also be first with popular new titles in quantities to meet early demand. Recently we have also added do-it-yourself, or instructional, type videos such as home exercise cassettes and golf lessons.

"Furthermore we must be cost competitive. With our choice of several rental programs we can meet the requirements of both small and large volume users at extremely fair charges."

What about Chinese films? "We don't stock Chinese nor Japanese language tapes since these are abundantly available at every neighborhood shop on Taiwan. We prefer to serve the expatriate community exclusively by putting full concentration on providing a proper and up-to-date library specialized in western video.

And that, according to our old veteran of the video tape game, George, is the yardstick by which you measure video rental libraries on Taiwan. Happy viewing.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE CITY BUS SYSTEM

Boos and hisses to as many of the functionaries of Taipei's municipal bus system as can be identified. We wish to include designers of the infernal machines themselves, planners of the routes and system as well as the misanthropic fiends who sit in the drivers' seats of all nine private, but heavily controlled companies, and the city-owned company buses that torture and abuse the million or so victims who ride these vehicles daily.

Most of the vehicles are so wretchedly designed that the wheel pods, which penetrate the floor, guarantee

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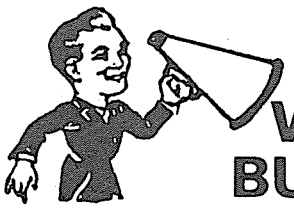

BY WESTERN BULLHORNS

SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH

We read an AP Baltimore datelined story in the "China Post" last month that might have caused us considerable pain if it had not been so laced with humor. It concerned youth – specifically young men between 18 and 34 in the United States – and the ideals they aspire to. We should all be giving the youth of Taiwan some thought because young Chinese of both sexes have, up until the present, stood near the top of the tree for their good manners, considerate behavior and relative unselfishness. But trouble signs are brewing, and this cursed motorcycle racing mania we all read about and too often hear is, we think, more the tip of an iceberg than an aberation on the part of young Chinese Eveil Knievels who want to take a chance with their lives. We are also accutely aware of the recent phenomenon of 14-year-old Chinese unwed mothers. And we deeply fear that sizeable portions of Taiwan's young people are on a collision course with chaos. True or false, it becomes pertinent to compare Chinese young people with those of the Western World to learn if there is any way in which they can impress or inspire each other.

The story at hand concerns a public opinion poll conducted by Fast Lane Magazine amongst American men ages 18 to 34 with the following proposition: "Other than yourself, what person would you most like to be?" Although not specified, the question presumably asks what "living" person the polled wishes to be.

The young as well as the old in the United States are at present celebrating and immortalizing their Constitution in the 200th year of its authority. But when asked what current figure they would prefer to be, most of the polled voted for Col. Oliver North, a man who has done more than any other for quite a while to render the Constitution "a piece of paper." What the Constitution prescribed, North defied. This most heroic of the eventual list of American fantasy personalities is not yet clear of criminal proseecution. From the evidence at hand, he is at least a sneak, and possibly a liar, who definitely went behind the back of the authorized Congress to perform proscribed acts and to benefit from them materially. Why, we must ask, do most red corpuscled American youths want to be this guy? The poll tells us more about them than it does about Ollie. First, publicity determines everything. The mere fact that Ollie got his mug in the papers and on TV more often than any other American in recent moths undoubtedly established him as acceptable. And from there on it is but a short step to becoming a hero (Remember Liberace and Tiny Tim and Rock Hudson?). And Ollie had the advantages of an encomium from the President, whose confidence he is accused of betraying, loads of Marine medals and an adoring wife who has never become suspicious of the glamorous secretary who helped Ollie illegally shred possible evidence against him. Wanting to be Ollie North could still be hazardous to the freedom and pursuit of happiness of the polled.

Second choice among young American men is, pardonably, President Reagan. To want to be Ronnie risks a considerable shortening of life, especially for the 18 year olds, and all too soon Ronald Reagan will fade into becoming another Gerald Ford. But it is axiomatic that all Americans regard their President as the world's greatest man. In the Gallup poll of the "ten most admired men," conducted in early 1973, President Richard Nixon, soon to become the only president to resign in disgrace to avoid impeachment, ranked first. Vice-President Spiro Agnew, soon to resign to avoid prosecution for criminal extortion, ranked second. All of this indicates one of two things: either the American people are poor judges of character or they simply like highly publicized criminals.

As a third option, young American men would like to turn themselves into Clint Eastwoods. Good luck to them. Clint now holds high office in the city of Carmel, California.

The fourth choice of alter egos for the young Americans is a curious tie between two disparate personalities, Lee Iacocca and Jesus Christ. We can understand a certain envy of Lee. After a period of unemployment he is now profitably employed and is a highly successful ghosted author. But again anybody up to the age of 34 who wants to be Lee would have to sacrifice a lot of years on earth.

We can only regard the choice of Jesus of Nazareth as a substitute for the self as a protest vote against the whole idiotic proposition. If a young American wants to be Jesus, where is he? Wasn't Jesus crucified, dead and buried a long time ago? Do these nuts want to be dead retroactively as of A.D. 29? More power to them also.

Fifth place resulted in another tie. Instead of themselves, young Americans would like to be either Jon Bon Jovi or John D. Rockerfeller. We are familiar with John but not Jon, but he is described as a 'rock star,' So we called our conferees over at Bang Magazine, which is to the disco persuasion what Burke's Peerage is to less turned-on folks. We didn't find out exactly why Jon is so far ahead of his thousands of counterparts as to inspire personality juxtaposition with so many young Americans, but we'll settle for the intelligence gleaned that he is "very famous."

Wanting to be John D. Rockefeller is understandable. He had lots of money. But it was old money; there was no glamor in it. His grandfather accumulated it through means which would have put him in prison today. But the excitement is long gone. If having money in their pockets is so darned important to American youths, why not want to be Luciano Pavarotti? He's got all the dough anyone can spend, a glorious voice and lots of women to boot.

What distresses us about this poll is that young Americans don't seem to want to be anybody who is worth anything. There are no Nobel Prize winners on the list. There are no creative artists who have produced

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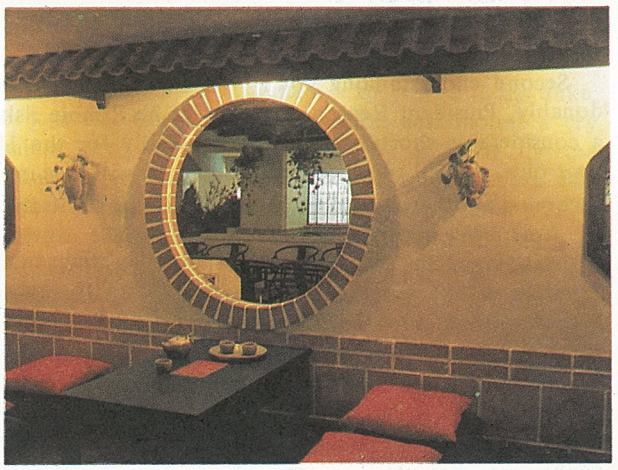
WHERE WE LIVE



TAKE TIME FOR TEA

Tea has been associated with China ever since the dawn of history. Indeed, until Western infiltrators posing as missionaries smuggled tea seeds out about 150 years ago, all the tea in the world was grown in China, giving rise to the term, "for all the tea in China."

Prior to its institutionalization as a highly refined gourmet art about 1,000 years ago, tea was regarded as medicine in China and today the therapeutic aspect still remains central to the Chinese art of tea drinking. However, few Westerners have even the foggiest notion of tea as a nutritious, detoxifying, health-promoting beverage.

Tea was brought to Taiwan from the mainland by early Chinese immigrants during the 17th century, and the plant quickly took root in the fertile soil and crisp alpine airs of the island's mountainous Central Range. Today, connoisseurs of Chinese teas throughout the world agree that many of the best varieties come from the well kept tea plantations of Taiwan, not the mainland. Furthermore, the most therapeutically potent Chinese teas are those grown right here in Taiwan, *where we live.*

The essential difference between the dark, bitter teas drunk in Europe, America, India, and the Middle East and the fragrant varieties favored by the Chinese is fermentation. The tea drunk in the Western world is fully fermented "black tea," which the Chinese call "red tea" (*hung-cha*). The Chinese rank *hung-cha* lowest on the scale of quality and use it only to make the so-called "flower teas" (*hwa-cha*) by adding dried jasmine, cassia, chrysanthemum, and other flower petals. The fact that the fermented balck tea drunk in the West is invariably adulterated with sugar, lemon, cream, and other additives further reflects its poor flavor. More significantly, however, is the fact that fermentation destroys enzymes, vitamins, and other vital nutrients, rendering black teas therapeutically useless.

Chinese teas, which are noted for their delicate fragrance and delicious flavor, are only slightly fermented or not fermented at all, thereby retaining both their gourmet qualities as well as their therapeutic properties. A Chinese connoisseur would no more think of adding sugar or cream to his tea than a French connoisseur would add Coca Cola or 7-Up to his vintage wine or cognac.

But the real advantage of drinking properly prepared Chinese teas is their benefits for health and longevity, and here in Taiwan we are blessed with the world's most therapeutically potent leaf, plus all the required accessories and many fine traditional tea houses. The Japanese newspaper Sankei Shimbun recently reported the results of intensive biochemical research in Japan on Oolung Tea from Taiwan. They discovered that Taiwan-grown Oolung can prevent lung cancer caused by industrial and automotive exhaust by detoxifying the lungs via the bloodstream before airborne toxins have a chance to do significant damage to delicate lung tissues. In addition, they found that Taiwan Oolung reduces chronic high blood pressure and strengthens the immune system, which in turn protects the body from a host of dangerous diseases.

In addition to the above benefits, traditional Chinese physicians have for centuries prescribed unfermented teas to facilitate blood circulation, accelerate excretion of alcohol, nicotine, and other drug residues from the body, as a diuretic, and to help the digestion of fats and proteins in the stomach, which in turn takes a heavy metabolic load off the much overworked liver. Besides all that, Chinese teas eliminate fatigue and stimulate the nervous system every bit as effectively as the strongest coffee, but without causing sour stomach, heart palpitations, nervous "jitters," and other unpleasant side-effects associated with heavy consumption of coffee.

The secret to obtaining all these benefits from Chinese teas is to prepare it properly. This preparation, called "tea art" (*cha-yi*) or "tea skill" (*kung-fu cha*) in Chinese, requires a small, unglazed earthenware pot of 3-5 oz capacity and small, thimble-sized cups. Stuff the pot about half-full with your choice of leaf and fill it with boiling hot water. Swirl the water around in the pot for a few seconds, then immediately pour out and discard this first steeping to remove dust and bitter acids from the surface of the leaves. Refill the pot with hot water, let it steep for 2-3 minutes, and pour the entire contents into a separate pot or small pitcher Fill the teapot again, and while the second batch is steeping, pour the first round into the cups from the separate pot or pitcher. Continue in this manner until the leaves are spent: good vintage leaf will permit 3-6 steepings. Some Chinese refer to this method as "Old Folks Tea" (*lao-ren cha*), because it seems that these days only old folks take the time and effort to do it. More likely, however, is that only old folks still remember the potent therapeutic benefits of this sort of tea drinking.

Taiwan's top-grade Chinese tea is Oolung ("Black Dragon"), the best of which is grown on the sunny slopes of Tung Ting Mt. in Central Taiwan. In recent years, however, Oolung plantations have also been established on the even higher slopes of Alishan, and while supplies are still quite limited, the quality is truly superb. Tieh Kuan Yin ("Iron Goddess of Mercy") is a semi-fermented leaf that produces a deep red color, full body, and smokey flavor, and this type is also

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GETTING ACQUAINTED

GETTING PEOPLE TO ARGUE

By now one of the longest running and most successful programs offered on ICRT's FM circuit is the Monday night "Issues and Opinions." And virtually the whole of this program's staying power and constantly improving quality is due to the energies of a young New Yorker whose only ambition when he resettled in Taipei was to be an actor.

Nicholas Gould first visited Taiwan in 1975 as a dependent of his distinguished father, Professor Philip Gould, who holds the chair in Chinese Art History at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville. And although he returned with his family after the Professor had spent his stipulated Fullbright Scholarship year with the treasures of the National Palace Museum, Nicholas bided his time and saved his money to get back here. And when he did, in 1983, he still hoped he might become a new Charlie Chaplin or Marlon Brando. Instead, he tumbled into the hastily vacated job as anchor man in the "Issues and Opinions" show.

Billed as "a forum for differing opinions," the I & O program was the inspiration of Sheldon Severinghouse, Director of the Asia Foundation. Routine as it may sound to foreigners coming from lands which not only tolerate but encourage "Spouters' Corners" (London) and "Town Meetings of the Air" (USA,) the concept of debate in public was not then current in China. By Confucian tradition, telling another man he is full of hot air is considered very bad manners and a breach of order. Hence at the time of this program's birth in 1984, Taiwan was still without a debating society of any kind or even a suggestion box. Wise men inbibed the wisdom of the ancient teachers and agreed with all of it.

The program had been on the air only three months when Nicholas Gould was given charge. He had never stood before a microphone in his life, but he saw its enormous possibilities and began to push hard to encourage his panelists to say what they really thought instead of what they felt was conventional. And to an amazing extent, he succeeded.

A great deal has happened to the greater glory of the intellect in Taiwan in three years. Even before martial law was lifted and the Garrison Command suspended its censorship, Taiwan saw a vast proliferation of free speech that was not unaccompanied by some reforms in ancient and outmoded thought.

Issues and Opinions has not stopped at controversial social customs but has plunged into the hitherto dark forests of national politics. Considering that China has been governed by airtight one-party systems since the earliest remembered emperors, it came as a national milestone when, after the December legislative elections, Nicholas Gould brought together the Deputy Secretary General of the ruling KMT and the clearly oppositionist Antonio Chiang in a free-for-all discussion of the fairness or weighted qualities of the election laws. As much light was generated as heat, and the door remained open for an expansion of dissenting viewpoints right down to

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TOWARD BETTER HEALTH

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KEEP IN SHAPE PAINLESSLY

Whether you are only a weekend fitness buff or a competing athlete, you are susceptible to injuries if your fitness program does not include preventive measures such as stretching, strengthening, endurance, and corrective procedures for chronic problems. Most exercisers drop out of their fitness programs because of injuries. Unfortunately, once you are injured a doctor can do little to expedite the recovery process, other than set broken bones, close wounds, treat infections, and correct the causes of chronic problems. Rest is generally the best cure. Common causes of sports injuries include:

Overtraining – going beyond your limits and ignoring your body's warning signals.

Poor flexibility – the tighter the muscle, the more susceptible it is to injury.

Lax training methods – increasing your fitness intensity before you are properly conditioned.

Mineral deficiencies – a lack of sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and other minerals can leave muscles prone to injuries.

Any one factor or a combination of the above can cause a mild or serious injury. To avoid falling victim to an injury, learn these preventive measures:

Flexibility: Stretch before and after exercise. Increased flexibility reduces the potential for injury because muscle balance around the joints is maintained. Stretching tips include:

1. Hold a stretch for as long as 20 to 40 seconds.
2. Stretch to the point of minor discomfort – not further.
3. Inhale and exhale throughout each stretch.
4. Do not bounce – hold a static stretch to avoid forcing the muscle.

Strengthening: Strong muscles prevent bone, muscle, and joint injury. Strengthening of *all* the muscle groups helps promote balance and symmetry. Strong muscles are also more efficient at absorbing oxygen from the blood for endurance. Weight lifting is a popular method of increasing muscle strength through resistance. Strengthening tips include:

1. Always stretch before lifting weights.
2. When beginning a program start with lighter weights and more repetitions. Weights that are too heavy put unwanted stress on the muscles.
3. Lift the weight until you're exhausted, rest, and then repeat. For a beginner three sets is the limit.
4. If you lifted properly there should be only minimal soreness later. Excess soreness means you've pushed it too much.

Endurance: Endurance through aerobic exercises is essential to any fitness program.

These exercises strengthen the heart, lungs and train muscles to utilize oxygen more efficiently. Endurance exercises include: running, cycling, brisk walking, swimming, dancing, and rowing. Endurance tips include:

1. Monitor your heart rate by checking your pulse at least five minutes into an activity and immediately after. This allows you to identify proper intensity. The formula for determining your training heart-rate range is:
   - Maximum Heart Rate (MHR) = 220 – age
   - Training heart rate zone = MHR x 60% and 85%
2. Endurance exercise should be performed three to five days per week for at least 20 minutes in your training heart rate zone.

TREATING INJURIES

The immediate treatment for almost all athletic injuries is about the same, whether a broken bone, a strained ligament, pulled muscle, or traumatized joint. It is a four-part procedure, to be followed in the first 48 hours after an injury, which if followed correctly, can make the difference between a recovery time of months or weeks.

1. Stop. The minute you incur an injury – stop. Rest is necessary because exercising the injured part only worsens it.
2. Ice. Keep an ice pack on the injury as often as possible in 15 – 20 minute applications with 5 minute breaks. Cold decreases bleeding in the injured area by contracting the blood vessels. The more blood that pools in an injured area, the longer the healing time.

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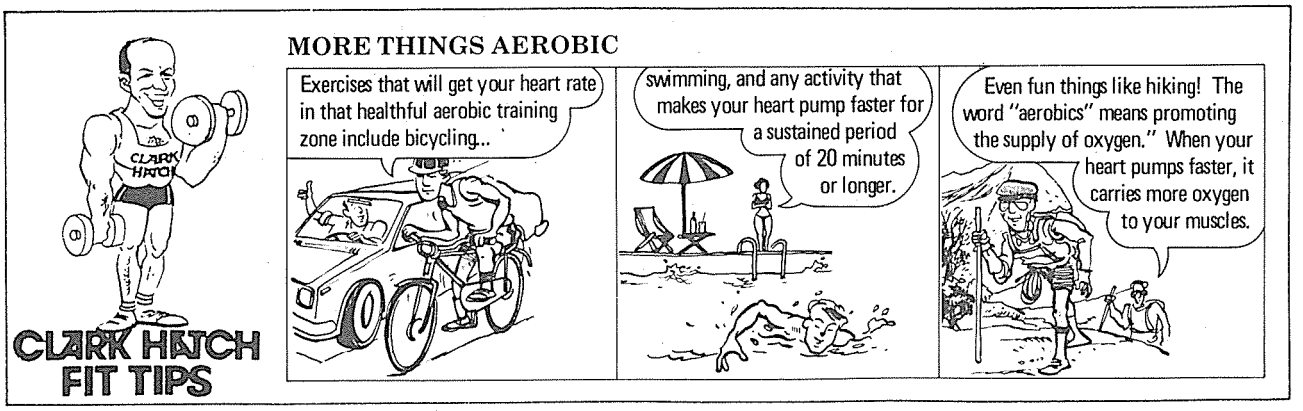
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Exercises that will get your heart rate in that healthful aerobic training zone include bicycling...
swimming, and any activity that makes your heart pump faster for a sustained period of 20 minutes or longer.
Even fun things like hiking! The word "aerobics" means promoting the supply of oxygen." When your heart pumps faster, it carries more oxygen to your muscles.

3. Compression. Following trauma, blood and fluid leak into the damaged area and prolong the healing process. Compression limits the swelling and improves the healing time. Elastic wraps are good for compression.
4. Elevation. Keep the injured part elevated about six inches (15 cm) above the heart. This will help force excess fluids from the injured area.

Happy training! ◈

Caution: Before starting any vitamin or exercise program consult a physician, especially if you are on any form of medication, suffer from shortness of breath; have a history of heart, blood pressure or respiratory problems; have not been active recently.

HEALTHY NEW NEWS

DRINKING & DYING

According to a recent study, heavy drinkers are nearly twice as likely as non-drinkers to have a stroke. But the risk is reversible: the stroke risk drops along with decrease in drinking.

PROTEIN UPDATE

Protein's part in our diets has been ignored of late but up-to-date research evidences that a 70 kg (154 lb.) person who works out 30 to 40 minutes per day needs 1.4 grams of protein per kilogram of body weight, or the equivalent of a 450 gr. (1 lb) lean beefsteak. Additional iron is also recommended. Good low-fat protein sources are tuna fish (packed in water), soybeans, and chicken.

MOTHER KEEP QUIET

Talkative moms can stifle baby's learning, according to reliable tests.

Mothers who talk too much overstimulated their babies, thus interfering with intellectual processing.

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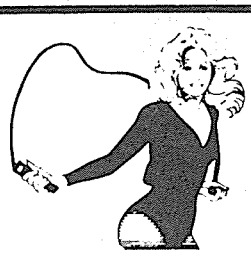

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Tofu is also rich in calcium, being equal to an indentical amount of yogurt or cottage cheese.

For heavyweights, tofu contains zero cholesterol and saturated fats, and one chunk adds up to only 86 calories, which makes it an excellent diet food, replacing meats and dairy products.

Also a good source of iron, the average chunk of tofu contains 2.3 mg, or about the same as a half-cup of raisins.

For those who are allergic to dairy products or who don't tolerate them well, tofu is an exellent alternate source of calcium and protein with the added bonus of iron and no cholesterol.

Tofu requires very little special handling. It needs to be kept covered with water in a closed container in the refrigerator, and its water should be changed everyday or two. Stored in this fashion, it should keep about a week. If you find you've bought more tofu than you can use in a week, you can freeze it. Drain the water off, pat the tofu dry with a paper towel, and put it in a plastic freezer bag. Squeeze all the air out of the bag, seal, and freeze.

Even though tofu is a versatile food, many people haven't tried it yet because they aren't sure exactly what to do with it. But tofu's possibilities are almost limitless, and it leaves plenty of room for creativity in the kitchen.

See Dining In, pg. 28 for some westernized suggestions on tofu preparation . ◈

Dying is not popular; it's never caught on.

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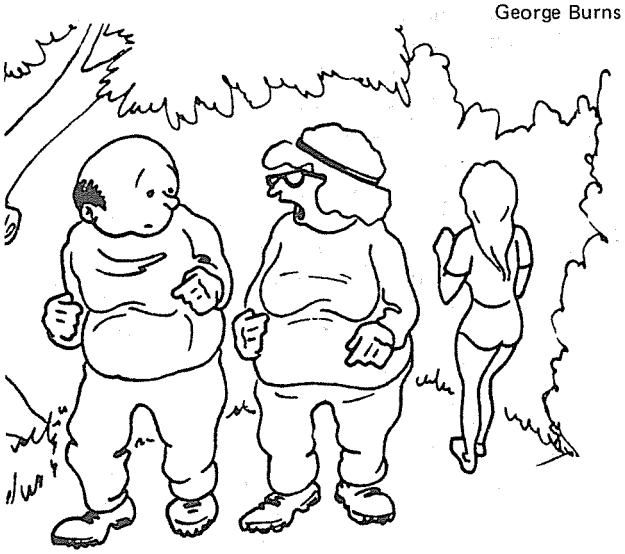
Why would anyone want to live to be 100? I know some people who are not the least interested in reaching that age, but it so happens they're all under 10.

George Burns



"One more look Harold and I'll give you a *real* reason to run."

THE HOTTEST GAME IN TOWN

No, it's not fantan or the underground lotteries. It's the Taiwan Stock Exchange listings; and as any punter during the past year can tell you, practically all the nags in this race pay off.

The Taiwan Stock Exchange kicked off in 1965 to uncertain beginnings, and even today, when it is a top-of-the-pops crowd pleaser, its premises don't look like much. Instead of the magnificent pile which begins at the corner of Wall and State Streets in Manhattan, the various ancient and dignified "bourses" of Europe or even the futuristic grandeur of the London trading place, the Taiwan Stock Exchange occupies the three top floors of a very unspectacular building near the City Hall on Yenping S. Rd. But things that do not glitter can still be gold, and the investors who hog the elevators making the short trip to the coterie of brokers' offices that occupy the lower floors of this place have seen their money triple in just over a year.

While the NT$ looked firm at 40 to 1, the Taiwan Stock Exchange's key indicator looked very wobbly at around 1,000. In fact, at that time it was feared by some analysts that the government might have to make a massive intervention to keep the market at that level. Then the artificially forced revaluation of the NT$ commenced, and so did a revaluation of shares on the exchange. Whether or not it proves to be of artificial substance is now a matter of great speculation, but on the theoretical big board, the index broke the 3,000 mark last month.

The market is supervised by the R.O.C.'s own Securities and Exchange Commission, presumably modeled after the watchdog agency instituted by President Franklin Roosevelt after the virtual disappearance of the U.S. stock markets in 1933. But there are many differences. The local SEC requires a prospectus for each new offering but was unable to provide Grapevine with a static formula for this. Then, too, the Taiwan market is limited to a maximum growth of 5% on any trading day. The same figure applies to losses, and the net effect must surely tempt both selling and panic buying on the following day's market. And indeed it is calculated that most of the day's deals are made during the first fifteen minutes after the opening bell.

If stock markets really had any basis in economic reality, it would be intriguing to analyze some of the movements on the Taiwan Exchange. But by now most worldwise and weary observers have learned that all stock markets are first cousins to river-boat crap games. The big boards, in Taiwan as elsewhere, are nothing more than electronic galloping dominoes.

Understandably, the runaway success of the Taiwan market has opened a few eyes in the expat community, and we could name a few citizens who have done handsomely during the past year. But all that came to an end during the summer when a new regulation prevented foreigners from buying securities other than one of the five listed mutual funds. This move is not discriminatory; it is simply a ploy to prevent the unwanted flood of capital from overseas from getting any worse. It is an interesting development indeed when a small country – one that still has one foot in the Third World camp – is plagued with too much money. It becomes like a patient who is so healthy that his doctors can no longer figure a way to make money out of him.

Yet Grapevine thinks it is time to cry 'foul' against this regulation. The foreigners who have legitimately become a part of the economic life of this nation ought to have the same chance as the native born to defend their money. As all of us know, the property game is filled with pratfalls for the foreign investor, and the stock market seems to be the only avenue around here to toss one's loose change. We urge that the authorities reconsider their decision and invite legitimate black-book holders to defend themselves against inflation, the cursed rise of the NT$ and other considerations that trouble the Chinese, by being allowed their turn at the dice table. ◈

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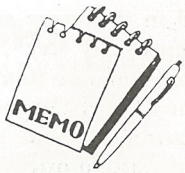

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COMPUTER TALK

by Stan

THE DREAM BUSINESS SET-UP

If fast and efficient communications are vital to your business, this month's computer column is for you. Of course, you may already be so tangled up in wiring and head office red tape that reading this would only be a frustration, but you can dream, can't you? Put yourself in the ideal situation: you've got full discretion to scrap everything and build a communications system from scratch, and you have a lot of money. . . Given what is available on the market today, in Taiwan, what sort of system would you choose? Well, different strokes for different folks, but as for me. . .

First of all, because of the lead time involved, I venture from my sanctuary to file applications for a telex line and two IDD data telephone lines. I also sign up for PACNET and a certain well-known U.S. data communications service. Two weeks, they say. *Meiyou wenti.* Glad to get out of the sun, I poke around in the back room and dig up an IBM PC-compatible personal computer, a Winchester disk drive and a 24-pin dot matrix printer.

So far so good – now for some fun! Unwrapping a new felt-tipped pen and a checkbook, I pick up the phone and go shopping. For this project, the suppliers on my list are all well established front runners in Taiwan's hi-tech information industry. I can't stint now: communications must be reliable to be effective In cool, assured tones, with the authority vested in me by an unrestricted budget, I rap out specifications and quickly contract for delivery of an image scanner, a fax card, a modem and a telex card. (Actually, it's kind of hard to get a telex card without buying an entire, exorbitantly priced "telex computer". Those of you in the inner circle know why, and I won't belabor the issue. Just say that it takes knocking on back doors and judicious use of gwan syi.)

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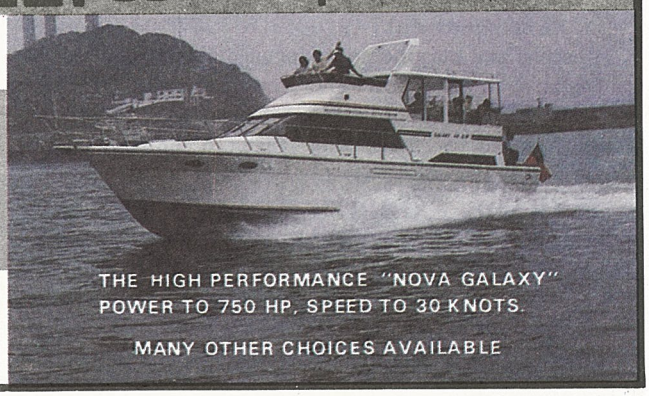

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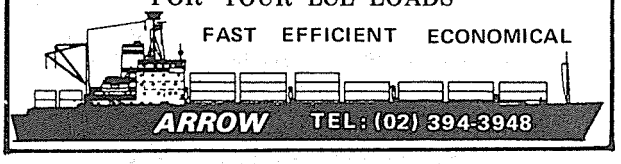
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Computers, cont'd . . . . . .

Flash, flash! A company whose name has become synonymous with office copiers has come out with a machine that combines the functions of a plain paper copier, scanner, fax and laser printer! All for the price of – yikes! – I guess my budget wasn't unlimited after all. But it's a significant step in the right direction for integrated office automation, and maybe the cost will come down someday . . .

The delivery vans start rolling in, and I enjoy a few hours of playing with packing material and gazing on my gleaming purchases. Then . . . to work, puzzling through the installation manuals and hooking all the equipment together. Not all of life, alas, is a bowl of cherries. There are hardware and software incompatibilities between some of the parts. I have to give up my mouse and one (daisywheel) printer. Hot and harried, I call back the suppliers, and they cluck sympathetically and rush engineers over to hold my hand. And the software, oh the software! Will programming never end?

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Still, finally, the day comes when I wipe the sweat (and a little blood) off the keyboard and close the cover over my computer.

Hey, here come the linesmen (one man for each of the lines). Have two weeks passed already? A brief flurry of shoving, snipping and hammering ensues and then the whole crowd whirls out the door, leaving me standing behind my desk with the ends of three (unmarked) cables in my hand. Oh well. I plug what I think must be the telex line into the telex card, one phone line into the fax card, and the other phone line into the modem. Then – the moment of truth – I turn the computer on!

[obscene and blasphemous language deleted]

Anyway, here's how the system works (it did, eventually). Using it to send fax messages is pretty straightforward. I place the page to be transmitted in the image scanner, start up the fax software and "press any key". The fax software also receives and stores and/or prints out any fax messages received over the fax telephone line. Similarly, telex messages can be transmitted and received via the telex card and the software provided. Both the fax and the telex software can run "in the background" to receive continuously while the computer is being used for something else.

Actually, I only use the telex line for incoming communications. For telex transmission, I use the aforementioned data communications service. Via the modem, over the second telephone line through PACNET, I dial the U.S. and download my telexes to a computer in Washington, D.C. which redistributes them to the telex addresses I've furnished – at U.S. local rates. I thus save up to 70% of my telex transmission costs to North America; somehow, I also save on telexes to most other countries, though not as much. The data communications company provides other services as well, and I can use the modem for direct data communications with other computers both here and abroad.

The disadvantages of this system? It takes longer to teach someone to use it, and I have to keep the computer powered up 24 hours a day.

Its advantage is – flexibility. The communications system can be hooked into a local area network, accessible to other computer users in the office (or in the building). Everything is under program control, and I can instruct the computer as to what time to send out messages, how many times to try, and to send to multiple destinations. I automatically have copies of everything on disk, and I can manipulate the stored data any way I want. For example, an incoming telex, reworked with a word processor, becomes a quotation to be mailed, telexed or faxed. An engineering drawing fed into the image scanner, with captions and instructions added, becomes a fax or download file for transmission. Costwise, since I have a computer to start with, the total equipment outlay is less than that for comparable standalone machines. I don't have to pay rental for a telex machine, or lay on special supplies for telex and fax machines. Yes, having gone through all the trouble of setting up this system, I can say that it was well worth the effort. It certainly saves me a lot of money on international communications. ◈

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THE BOOK SHELF

IN SEARCH OF TAIWAN –

A Critique of Guidebooks

PERSPECTIVES ON TAIWAN, by Daniel Reid, published by Hilit Publishing Co., Taipei, Apr. 1987, NT$350 at Caves Book Store. No matter how many guide books, histories or travel articles we may have read about Taiwan, it is impossible to scan a single page of Daniel Reid's new book without learning something brand new and – what is more important – significant. For that is the type of old pro Daniel Reid is. The present volume is a 150-page compilation of 18 carefully selected articles and will no doubt sell well to visitors but seems nevertheless to be slanted towards those expats who know perfectly well where to find the National Palace Museum but have never really come to terms with its significance or its history.

The author is probably better equipped than anyone writing in English to interpret Taiwan to the scholarly or genuinely curious. A Chinese scholar even before his first experiences in Taiwan, Reid has not only mastered Mandarin but has examined the island from tip to stern in search of places, people, customs and attitudes wholly overlooked by others.

One of the difficulties with living in Taiwan is that we become overly familiar with things about which we really don't know anything. A case in point is the ubiquitous practitioners of necromancy. We can see that it is a national fetish from the number of stalls in pedestrian underpasses and elsewhere adorned with illustrations of faces covered with characters that make them look like they have acne. But until we have read the article entitled "The Chinese Science of Soothsaying," few of us can really be sure of what goes on in such places.

It is unfortunate that 'Perspectives' does not contain any road maps, for Reid's descriptions of little known Central Taiwan hot spring spas are sufficiently enticing to cause any expat family to crank up the buggy for a weekend down there.

With knowledge of the Chinese Martial Arts still mainly associated in foreign minds with Bruce Lee "kick 'em in the face" movies, Reid's long article on the four generations of the Hung family, Taiwan's leading exponents of "soft" kung-fu, becomes a revelation.

A thousand tracts have been written about Hwa Shi St. or "Snake Alley," but we know of none that has really come to grips with all those questions we have been too terrified to ask. Where, for example, do so many and such a variety of wicked creatures come from? Is nature to blame? Actually no. The exaggerated number of poisonous reptiles on Taiwan is actually the work of equally anti-social anti-St. Patricks. But we're going to let you find out for yourselves how this came about.

Among a number of other Sinological enthusiasms, Daniel Reid is also an expert on Chinese cooking. But the concluding essay in Perspectives – which is also about a very special banquet – is somewhat more sentimental than gastronomical. In "A Dinner With Dick Hughes," Daniel Reid revives memories of one of the world's great people, the rough and tumble Australian "Barefoot Reporter" known and loved by every Old Asia Hand who has ever wielded a pen. The occasion was a celebration of President Chiang Ching-kuo's innauguration in 1978 and was celebrated by a table filled with locally-based writers. The immortal James Wei, a fabled character in his own right, acted as host, and the Sage of Sydney was his guest of honor.

In recording this event, Daniel Reid makes much of the exquisite food presented but even more of the happy water that accompanied it, for in any company Richard Hughes was a man who loved to bend a social elbow.

For both veteran Taiwan expatriates and newcomers alike, this paper-covered volume is well worth the NT$350. ◈

LUNAR HOROSCOPE

The lunar horoscope is guide to daily activities (the dates are adjusted to the western calendar).

The dates given are all good except for those in brackets which are bad. Good days mean fortune, luck or success. For example to hold the ground breaking on the auspicious day will bring luck, etc. to a construction project. Obviously "bad" days bode just the opposite.

ADOPTIONS	12, 17, 21, 24
BED PLACEMENT	4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 18, 21, 23, 24, 27 **(2, 8, 14, 17, 19, 20, 26)**
BUSINESS NEWLY OPEN	5, 7, 12, 14, 18, 30 **(2, 3, 8, 13, 15, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31)**
CONSTRUCTION	2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 24 **(13, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 28, 30)**
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CHINESE BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Chang Hsien-chung, a bandit, is credited with having killed 40 million people between 1643 and 1648. He reportedly wiped out the population of Szechuan province.

COMMUNITY SPECIAL

IS THERE A COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGIST IN THE HOUSE?

More than a year ago we heard rumblings from several expat organizations in Taipei that a Community Services Center was about to be established. Then for a while all seemed to be quiet until August 11 when Joel S. Wallach and his wife, and professional team mate, Gale Metcalf, threw wide the doors of very well prepared premises just off Chung Shan N. Rd. Sec. 6 to receive an immediate clientele of "people problems" sufferers.

The new Center is intended to provide Taipei's English-speaking foreign community with professional mental health and social services, advantages which they have heretofore lacked almost completely.

Such community service centers seem to have become almost mandatory all over the world wherever foreigners – particularly those from the U.S. – go in large numbers for business assignments.

Being suspicious by nature our first question to Mr. Wallach concerned the psychology in our changing world that makes any group of foreigners in so friendly a place as Taiwan feel need for a community mental health program. After all, pioneers, voyagers and founding fathers took off for centuries towards all sorts of inhospitable places where they overcame real as well as imaginary "people problems" without any counselling at all. Therefore, why can't modern men come, see and conquer with equal self-reliance?

Joel, a tall, unintimidatingly bearded gentleman who can make you feel better just by shaking hands, fielded this question with one hand.

No one in his profession, or in his right mind would consider Taiwan a "hardship post." Its amenities and civilization are a foregone conclusion. In fact, problems concerning "cultural shock" are so far down on his list of priorities that they will probably be solved through the Center's educational endeavors rather than by individual counselling. Most of Joel and Gale's patrons will be men, women and children whose difficulties would have developed even if they had never heard of Taiwan.

Put succinctly, "catchers in the rye" are going to evolve before their baffled parents' eyes as readily on Wellington Heights as they do in mid-Manhattan. And married businessmen are going to have office romance problems with secretaries as often on Chungshiao E. Rd. as they do in the City of London.

A couple of generations back the American people – and quite a few imitators – developed the habit of *telling their troubles to the chaplain.* This may have been an extension of the Catholic confession box, but in any case the need of every human being to *get it off his chest* once in a while is deep-seated and fundamental to everyone's pursuit of happiness. Friends are always useful, but there are times when the ear of an experienced psychologist can be even more so. Newcomers to Taiwan leave most if not all of their friends behind, and until recently there were no professional listeners available no matter how much they might have been needed.

Couched in these terms, the idea behind the Community Services Center began to look far more plausible, and we were eager to learn as much as possible about it and the roster of the organizations and institutions that have been preparing to launch the center for nearly two years looked like a good place to start.

The Taiwan Adventist Hospital will be a very close collaborator and the Taiwan American School is participating, as is the American Institute in Taiwan. Preliminary financing has come also from the foreign business community with a strong plug from the American Chamber of Commerce. It is hoped that with the fullness of time the Center will be totally self supporting from the fees paid by its clients, both those who go for personal counselling and the pupils in the Center's forthcoming educational program. The most that any client or 'patient' will be asked to pay is NT$1,000 for an hour of professional attention. And we use the word *'asked'* advisedly, for those in need of attention who honestly cannot meet this fee will be compassionatley dealt with.

For the immediate future the Community Services Center plans to offer, in addition to personal counselling, a so-called "Well Baby/Well Child Clinic," under the direction of an American pediatrician, and a series of Adult Education Classes (see course listing below).

After having had a very instructive visit with Joel S. Wallach Grapevine suggests that the entire English-speaking community will find this couple well worth the wait. The profession of Community Psychologist is a relatively new one that stands between psychiatrist and professor, without the introduction of the sometimes traumatizing title of "Doctor." Joel received his degree from New York University in 1974 and comes to Taiwan after twelve years of field experience in Malaysia and Egypt, where the program, of which he was co-director from 1980 until recently, is regarded as a prototype for those yet to be developed, including Taiwan.

The opening of the Taipei Center, which was without any particular fanfare, bore immediate fruit to the extent that more than twenty expats were given personal counselling during August with the anticipated total for last month even higher.

Those who make appointments with Joel Wallach are relieved to notice that there is no psychiatrist's couch in his office and that he emphatically does not begin his healing with the too familiar *"How did you get along with your mother?"* Professional privilege exists in a community psychologist's private office exactly as it does with law and medicine, nevertheless, it is strongly hinted that much time is being spent with adolescents from T.A.S. whose anguish has absolutely nothing to do with being in Taiwan.

Joel Wallach likes to deal with *cultural shock* difficulties through what he calls *skills.* These can be simple strategies such as preparing written instructions for taxi drivers, codes for ordering in restaurants and getting home safely after getting lost through lack of language preparation. This is not to say that there are areas serviced by community centers where cultural shock is not a very real concern. Take, for example, the Egypt

of Joel and Gale's earliest years when power shortages required that high rise elevators carry passengers only downwards and where bread with baked weevils clearly evident was considered doubly nutritious. But Taiwan is rated by all standards as a honeymoon post of welcoming native people and all the Rice Crispies any household needs.

Grapevine wishes Joel and Gale, as the old pros, and such volunteers as Vicki Beauchamp Godspeed.

Community Services Center Fall Classes

- **Fewer Tears and Tantrums, a Parents' Course in Responsible Child Rearing**
- **Living With Your Adolescent**
- **Prepared Childbirth**
- **Survival Chinese**
- **Window on China (Dr. John Dunkowski.)**
- **Winning at the Losing Game; Weight Control Workshops**
- **Career Strategies Workshop**
- **You and Your Growing Child, from Brith to Two years**
- **Tension Prevention**
- **You and Your Aging Parents**
- **Beginning Typing**
- **Mutual Funds**

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OCTOBER ISSUES & OPINIONS

Following is this month's ICRT-FM schedule for the popular and informative Issues & Opinions show hosted by Nicolas Gould which is aired every Monday evening at 8:30 PM.

5th The hepatitis immunization program with guest Dr. Beasley one of the world's foremost leaders in hepatitis research.

12th About the 'Make Taiwan Beautiful' campaign sponsored by leading companies and organizations, and it's efforts to create a more beautiful island.

19th Interviews with a panel of expatriate foreign traders on their experiences with NT Dollar revaluation problems.

26th An exclusive interview with Loong Ying-Tai, authoress of the popular novel 'Wild Fire', critic and social commentator with her views on the local political and cultural situation after a one year stint in Europe.

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INTRODUCING LIFE ON TAIWAN

Fifty recently established expats braved the wildest downpour of the current season late last month to attend the eighth annual 'new residents' forum in the cafeteria of the Taipei American School, to be rewarded for their valor with coffee and cake, and for their curiosity with an exceptional panel of guest speakers to set them well on their way to adjustment and enjoyment of their new home.

Captain Ho, an old friend in the Foreign Affairs Police, assured the newcomers that his service is not there just to handle visa and residence matters but also goes out of its way to offer special police protection. He reiterated that a call in English at any hour of the day or night to 511-9564 will immediately bring officers on the double.

Ted Gong, the American Institute in Taiwan's equivilent of a citizenship consular officer, described the institute's services to resident or visiting Americans and invited the U.S. citizens to join the fun from his side of the desk by taking the Foreign Service exams in December.

Ms. Caryl Stuhrke explained what Gateway is all about and offered a few needful and amusing tips on instant cultural adjustment.

Ms. Yvonne Welbon, the literary lady who shares Chicago with John Dewey, Hemingway, Saul Bellow and James T. Farrell as her point of origin, described the agony and the ecstacy of publishing Bang, Taipei's English language Arts & Leisure Magazine.

Carl Kaye, a young Chinese language scholar just in from Peiping, described his own ongoing adventures with Mandarin.

Larry Cox, a true 'Old China Hand' with mainland as well as island recollections spoke briefly – too briefly many in the audience though – on how not to offend Chinese sensitivities.

However, it was Dr. Steve Sharp, the popular healer from Taiwan Adventist Hospital, who stole the show with an off-the-cuff lecture on how to stay fit In Taiwan. Having had hepititis, which is prevalent here, Dr. Sharp urges the uninitiated to give a thought to roadside and back alley eating utensils.

The main theme, from the opening remarks to Larry Cox's closing was that Taiwan is a very easy place to settle into, and that by next year the September newcomers will be telling the new newcomers about it.

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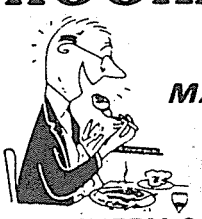

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

TAIPEI

'OUR PLACE' LADIES CLUB

A community-minded group of expat ladies inaugurated this informal social club early this year and have since established a Tienmou home for it at 748 Chungshan N. Rd., Sec. 6, 2nd floor, where members get together in conveniently located quarters, which include two nicely furinshed meeting rooms and all other necessary facilities.

Club activities include participation in arts & crafts, shopping trips, mahjong, bridge, presentations, demonstrations, and an occasional couples' fun-night with husbands invited.

The organization is non-profit and dues are based upon actual operational costs.

'Our Place' provides a bright spot for socializing in a friendly atmosphere and welcomes all expatriate women to join in. For more information on membership call Sandi McCulloch, 872-8581

CHOU EARTHSTONE PAINTINGS and CERAMICS

In this exhibition of most recent works, Chou has expanded into the realms of oils and clay through which he continues to portray the central theme of all his work – that is, Taiwan life. As with his water-inks, these works exemplify his ability to convey emotion through setting, posture, attitude and expression.

Once again Chou Earthstone's clear grasp of the people he lives and works with, his feeling for them and also his commitment to them is present.

The exhibition will be at Taipei Art Guild 10 – 23 Oct. with an opening reception on Sat., 10th Oct. from 3 – 5PM.

The Guild is located in Tien Mou at 7, Lane 728, Chung Shan N. Rd., Sec. 6 Tel. 871-8465. Hours are 10:00AM – 1:00PM, Tues thru Fri. 11:00AM – 7:00PM Sat. and Sun., closed Mondays.

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Laju Sawalani is a delightful Indian lady with a penchant for cooking, and a mission; that mission is to introduce Indian home-style (emphasis on *home*) cooking to the non-Indian expatriate community. In order to meet this end Laju is organizing weekly cooking classes and invites interested persons to phone her at 872-5162.

CATERING

In addition to classes Laju also offers a home catering service for any size group, even couples, who would like to try tasty Indian cuisine.

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TIWC FAMILY BAZAAR

The Taipei Int'l Women's Club Family Bazaar will take place Oct. 17th at Taipei American School from 10AM to 4PM.

There will be food, fun and shopping for everyone at this important community event. A new Cookbook and Shopping Guide will also be available.

Help yourself and TIWC charities – don't miss this great annual bazaar.

YOUR CLUB NEWS IS WELCOME.
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ORGANIZATION NOTICES

Christian Women's Club will have their monthly luncheon Thur. October 22nd, 11:45AM at the Asia World Hotel (100 Tun Hwa N. Rd.). Embroidery Artist, Miss Yang Shuo Tse, will demonstrate her machine embroidery as well as speak on the theme "A Stitch In Time." Special music will be provided by Taipei International Church musicians, Jim Chen, Luke Chih and Fanny Chih. Tickets, including luncheon, are $300NT. For reservation call Geri Bartel 871-2045 by Monday, October 19th.

Gateway, for help, tips, friendship is open to all expats daily, with a coffee morning every Wed. This month the Special Coffee on 21 Oct. features Paula Voightmann of Christian Salvation Services speaking on her experiences with child adoption. Gateway it is Tienmou, Chung Shan N. Rd., Sec. 6, 438, 4F. For further info phone 871-9031.

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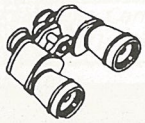
Int'l Women's Club started the 87-88 year with the celebration of their 37th anniversary and a look forward to another great year for the ladies. The Oct. meeting will be held on the 20th at the Fu-hsing Opera Academy. Transportation leaves the American Club at 9AM. No charge for members; nonmembers NT$200. Call Dorothy Lin 871-5892 for reservations.

TIWC Board Members grace 37th anniversary cake

YWCA will hold a shopping tour to Yingko, the pottery town, on the **1st**. Bus leaves the Chungshan N. Rd. FASD Club at 9AM, returning about 2:30PM. Bring a sack lunch. Fee for members NT$380, non-members NT$420. On the **15th** there will be a lecture at the Chungshan N. Rd. FASD Club at 9:30AM on Chinese medicines and food for health by Julia J. Jsuei, MD. Fee for members NT$300, non-members NT$340. Coffee and donuts will be served. Oct. **29th** is an Old Houses Tour and a visit to a teakwood bowl and tray factory. Bring a sack lunch. Bus leaves ,Chungshan FASD Club at 9AM, returning about 2:30PM. Fee for members NT$380, non-members NT$420. For further information call Polly Yeung at 381-2130/1.



HOTEL WATCH

EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AMBASSADOR will hold a Moon Festival special at the swimming pool with a buffet for NT$650 on the 7th. From the 19th – 24th will be German Week in the 1st fl. restaurant.

FORTUNA will hold specials for both Moon Day on the 7th and Double 10th in the roof-top revolving restaurant. Both events will be NT$900 per person. Tel. 563-1111.

HILTON's Coffee Shop will feature a Farmer's Buffet 1 – 17 Oct. plus the delicious Kiwi/Passion Fruit/ Pineapple Rhapsody. A Moon Festival special Family Gathering will be offered in the Hunan Restaurant on the 7th Fl. at NT$800 per person and a Roof Garden Moon viewing barbeque at NT$600. For Double 10th the Roof Garden will celebrate with a Barbeque and fireworks display for NT$1,010 per head. Tel. 311-5151.

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TAIPEI LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Date	Program	Place
1	**Norihiko Watanabe recital (Japanese)**	THC
1	The Shuis' Pi-pa & Ku-cheng concert	MS
4-5	Modern Ballet – Tsu Shan Fu	MS
5	Flute Recital – Mr. C. C. Lee	TCH
6	Chinese Opera (Kuo Chien Fu Kuo)	NT
6	Traditional Chinese Orchestral Music w/choral	CH
7	Chinese Opera (Pei She Chuan)	NT
7	Hu Nai-Yuan & Experimental Symphony Orchestra	CH
8	City Chinese Orchestra	MS
8-10	Chinese Opera Performed by troupes of the Defense Dept.)	NT
8-10	**Cleveland Orchestra (U.S.A.)**	CH
11-12	**Theatre du Nombre d'Or (Peau d'Ane) (France)**	NT
11	Recital – Yi, Man-chun	CH
12	Recital – Hsin Yung-Hsiu, Huang Yao-ming	CH
13-14	**Yepes guitar recital & concerto (Spain)**	CH
14-15	Stage Play (Star, Moon & the Sun)	NT
16	**Dante Rosati Guitar Lecture (Italian – American)**	WP
17-19	Taiwanese Opera (Pong Lai Ta Hsien)	NT
17-19	**I. Stern, Y. Y. Ma, E. Ax Trio (Int'l)**	CH
18	City Chinese Orchestra	MS
20	Hunan Opera (Hsiang Nang Chi)	NT
22-23	Dance '76	NT
23	Taipei City Symphony Orchestra	CH
24-25	**Tocco piano recital & concerto (USA)**	CH
26-27	Dance Drama by Henry Yu	NT
27-28	**Hurford Organ recital & concerto (USA)**	CH
28	**Hans-Christian Wille Piano recital (German)**	TCH
28-30	32nd Asia-Pacific Film Festival	NT
30	City Symphony Orchestra	MS
31	Chinese Opera (Hsien Wen Chi Kuei Han)	NT
31	Ode of Republic of China	CH
31	**An Evening of Neapolitan Folk Song (Italian)**	MS

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DOWN ISLAND ENTERTAINMENT

Date	Program	Place
1	**Fredell Lack Violin Recital (USA)**	Kaohsiung
2	Stage Play	Kaohsiung
2	The Shuis' Pi-pa & Ku-cheng Concert	Taichung
3	Soprano Fu recital	Kaohsiung
5	**Fredell Lack Violin recital (USA)**	Taiwan I
6	The Shuis' Pi-pa & Ku-cheng concert	Kaohsiung
7	**Fredell Lack Violin recital (USA)**	Taichung
8	Hu Nai-Yuan & experimental symphony orchestra	Kaohsiung
11	Su shiu-hwa recital	Kaohsiung
14	**Dante Rosati guitar recital (Italian-Amerian)**	Tainan II
17	**Yepes guitar recital and concert (Spain)**	Kaohsiung
18	Recital – Hsin yung-hsiu, Huang yao-ming	Kaohsiung
23	**Hans-Christian Wille Piano recital (German)**	Kaohsiung
25	**Hans-Christian Wille Piano recital (German)**	Tainan I
26	**Hans-Christian Will Piano recital (German)**	Taichung

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Kaohsiung: Kaohsiung Cultural Center高雄市立文化中心
Taichung: Taichung Chung Hsing Hall 台中市中興堂

TAICHUNG

Christian Women's Club will have their monthly luncheon 11:45AM October 20, 1987 at the National Hotel, 257 Taichung Harbor Road, Sec. 1. The theme will be "Brilliant October". Mrs. Grace Hsu, one of Taiwan's YMCA knitting instructors, will co-ordinate a "Sweater Fashion Show", and a Christian Women's Bible Study teacher, Mrs. Bea Chang, will share how Jesus Christ has made her life beautiful. Tickets are NT$240. Call Pam Warton at 231-8674 before October 18 to make reservations.

Int'l Women's Assn. The first official meeting and luncheon will be Wednesday, October 7 in National Hotel VIP room at 10AM. Reservations numbers are Marilyn Toronto 254-6273, Pam Fliege 254-3914, and Carolyn Tilburg (046) 23-7601.

A demonstration of "Martial Arts" will be presented at this meeting. Also, please bring completed membership cards.

I.W.A.T. dues are NT$500 for one year membership payable the first meeting. International Women's membership is open to all women holding a foreign passport.

VFW POST 727 The regular meeting will be held on Mon. 12 Oct., 7:30PM at the Veterans Service Center, Taichung. Plans for the celebration of Veterans Day, 11 Nov., will be formulated at this meeting.

Happy Birthday's to Dick Cooper, H. Scott Goodman, Larry Braley, Alvin Goodman, Jose Gallegos, and Don Bodie.

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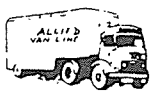

The Post members made a contribution to Our Lady of Maryknoll Clinic, Changhua for repair and water purification projects. Post Cmdr. Daniel E. Bradley (center) presents the check to Sister Antonia Maria Guerreri, with Larry Braley, Post Chaplain & Project Officer on the left.

The Post made a contribution to the Hsitun Catholic Church to assist setting up a children's care center where children can gather, while waiting for their working parents, under supervision. It is nondenominational. Shown are Father Clarence Engler (center), Post Commander Daniel E. Bradley right, with Jr. Vice Cmdr. Fred R. Dearing, Project Officer, left.

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Bowling, Ladies		239-1410
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Chinese Lessons		287-3490
Christian Women's Club		231-0489
Int'l Womens Assn		251-4146
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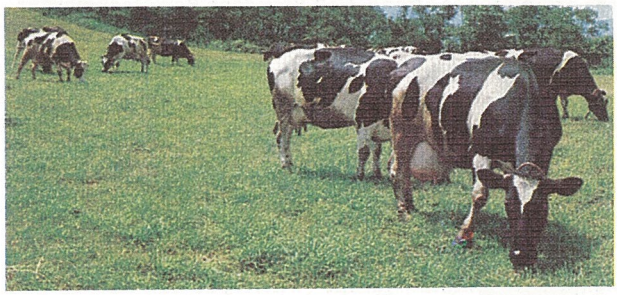

KAOHSIUNG'S FRESH MILK LEADER

It came as a bit of a surprise to discover that Taiwan's largest dairy company is not up near the great metropolis of Taipei but way down south in Koahsiung.

The Kaohsiung Dairy Company, in addition to being a leading processor, wholesaler and retailer of fresh milk, also owns and manages it's own two large herds of dairy cows. The firm's Tainan County farm boasts 800 head on 40 acres of land and in Kaohsiung it tends 500 head on it's other farm.

Just after the war in 1945 Mr. C.S. Kao founded the Kaohsiung Dairy, as a family firm, which today is managed by his son and president George Kao.

The first Holstein-Friesian milk cows were imported from Holland. Eventually a quality breeding program was established by artificial insemination with imported U.S. strains. Feedstuff, in the form of Alfalfa and corn (*or* maize), ia also imported from the U.S. to ensure a rich and nutritious grade of milk for southern Taiwan.

Top sanitary and quality controls can be rigidly maintained since the full spectrum of production through bottling and delivery are solely controlled by Kaohsiung Dairy themselves.

Early morning home delivery service throughout Kaohsiung is available to expats by calling the dairy at 382-2777 or 382-2323. If there are language problems just ask for George and get personalized service from the boss himself.

CHRISTIAN MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Recently, Grapevine learned that a large sum of operations money, in the form of a savings bond, was stolen from the orphans. This is a shattering experience for the home, especially since it is one of the poorer orphanages which receives no government aid and exists solely from donations. Reader's assistance would sincerely be appreciated by the home. Donations can be sent directly to the orphanage to Rev. Yang Hsu; 1 Tung Chi Shan Chuang; Liu Kwei, Kaohsiung or to Grapevine correspondent Harry F. Ong; P.O. Box 1842; Kaohsiung

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

KAOHSIUNG ORGANIZATION NOTICES

Amcham American Chamber of Commerce will hold a breakfast meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, 4th floor at 0730 on Oct. 7th. Newcomers to the Kaohsiung area are invited to attend. Call President Bob Hackmeister at (07) 831-4995 for information.

Boy & Girl Scouts Girl Scouts will hold an Investure Ceremony at the Morrison Academy on Oct. 28th at 3PM. Girls interested in joining the Girl Scouts should call Inez Linebarger at 291-2719. Boys wanting to join the Boy Scouts should contact Keith Lomen at 331-8131.

Dirty Chopsticks If you are interested in eating fine, inexpensive Chinese cuisine (where you can also be the host) en the 3rd Wednesday of every month, call Eida Hylkema at (07) 742-8392.

Hash House Harriers meet every other Staturday and Sunday. The "runs" are organized to see local scenery and get you into shape. Call Klaus Trippner at (07) 381-5325 in the evenings.

Int'l Ladies Coffee Morning meets on 14th October at 10AM meet to have coffee, exchange the lastest gossip and learn about new and current events at the Grand Hotel, Western Restaurant. The lastest "Tips and Tales" can also be obtained, free, coffee is NT$150.

Int'l Womens Club KIWC will be having a Fashion Show and a musical performance with Chinese instruments on the 28th at the Ambassador Hotel at 12 noon. Tickets are NT$350 for members and NT$400 for non-members. Ladies interested in joining call Susan Hsu 221-7012. Betty Hackmeister 371-7988, or Irene Loewen 381-2688.

Ladies Bowling needs bowlers, if you don't know how they will be glad to help you got started. The League meets at the National Bowling Alleys at 10AM every Monday. Call Senie Rymmer at 731-8880.

Masons Pearl River Lodge will be conducting a First Degree conferral on Oct. 3rd at 289 Pa Teh 1st Road 9th Floor at 1500 hours. Congratulations to Mr. George Kao, Tzih Liang Huang, and Joe Chou. on being initiated. On Nov 7th, Pearl River Lodge # 3 will be conducting a Dedication Ceremony at the same address. at 1800 hours, and members and non-members are welcomed to attend. A banquet will be held afterwards and transportation to and from the restaurant. Any male over the age of 20 are welcomed to become members in this oldest fraternity. Call Harry F. Ong at (07) 771-4338

Morrison Academy The community welcomed Mr. Frank Wicks as new principal of the school. Previously Mr. Wicks was principal of the elementary-middle school in Taichung. His wife, Linda-Kay, teaches middle school and they have children in the 7th and 4th grades.

No classes will be held October 8 – 13th and a Teachers Workshop will be held on the 8th & 9th. Oct. 26th is a Parents' Conference, where the parents can meet teachers. Oct. 30th is the "Fall Frolic" or Hallowen put on for the parents.

Sewing Class Finish projects that have been put off, start new ones and share friendly chat. Call Eide Hylkema for more information at 742-8392.

Slimmers Course The weight-watchers have changed their name to "Slimmers Course", the goal is to lose excess weight and calories. There are 2 orientation classes this month 7:30PM Thursday and 7:30AM Fridays. Interested persons contact Ardyth Savage at 334-2938.

Toastmasters will be meet at Kingdom Hotel, 15th floor for dinner at 6:30 pm on Oct. 9th and 23rd. On the 9th, there will be a speech by Professor Tsong Kai of the National Chung Shan University on Computers and Management. On the 23rd, Mr. Bill Rork will be the guest speaker. Expats who wish to present a speech and receive a complimentary dinner, call Helen Lin at 351-6651 during the day.

Womens' Bridge Club Every Thursday morning at 10AM, this group meets at the CITC Hotel for friendly games and small talk. Beginners are welcomed. Call Faye McKintosh at 742-0991 for information.

YWCA The Y will again be holding its' mystery trip Oct. 10 at 8:30AM starting from the Y. Call Ardyth Savage at (07) 334-2938 or the Y at 261-0697 for details.

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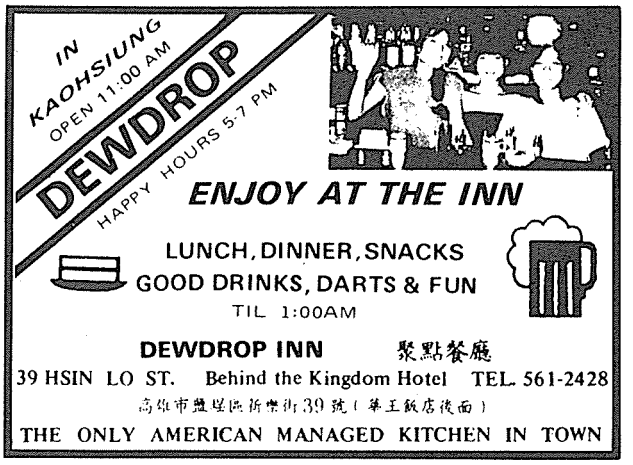

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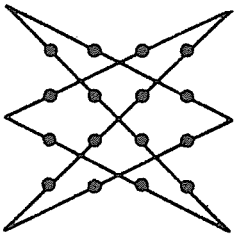

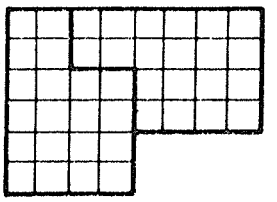

GOURMET

1. A German and Dutch wine measure 2. Switzerland in the late 1700's 3. India 4. Chopped raw beef 5. Very superior old pale 6. Eggplant 7. Welsh rarebit 8. Pheasants 9. A heavy stew 10. By bakers to scrape away burned crust.

SPORTS

1. Egypt, about 7000 years ago 2. W.G. Morgan, 1895 in Holyoke, Mass., U.S.A. 3. St. Sylvester Road Race in Brazil, witnessed by 1 million people annually 4. 1894 to Canada's top amateur team. 5. No jumper has been able to exceed 1 second.

WORLD TRIVIA

1. Brunei 2. Korea 3. Oslo 4. Rome – the film studios 5. Crete 6. Tashkent 7. The United Republic of Tanzania 8. Rouen 9. Rabat 10. Ecuador 11. Monrovia, Liberia (Pres. Jame Monroe) 12. Natal from the Latin *natalis* or birthday. It was discovered Christmas day. 13. Lake Victoria, Africa 14. China, Burma, Laos, Thailand, Kampuchea, Vietnam 15. Moscow and Vladivostok.

PUZZLERS

1. 989,010,989 multiplied by 123,456,789 produces 122,100, 120,987,654,321, where the last nine digits are in the reverse order.
2. If you multiply 6,666 by the sum of the four given digits you will get the correct answer. As 1, 2, 3, 4 sum to 10, then 6,666 multiplied by 10 gives us 66,660 as our answer. Taking all possible selections of four different digits, the answer is 16,798,320, or 6,666 x 2,520.
3. The numbers are 162, 243, 324, 392, 405, 512, 605, 648, 810, and 972, These, we think, are all the cases that exist.

SWITCHEROO

graph, grapE, graDE, gLaDE, gLIDE, SLIDE;

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. May today be a happy one for you and your family and may those that follow be pleasant too.
2. It is absolutely impossible to ever forge ahead of a person as long as you are always trying to get even with him.
3. Birthdays are great fun for those beyond eighty and under twenty-one.

MOONCAKES .....

The third son made a slight change to the original shop name changing "Snow" to "Chrysanthemum Flower" or Kiok-hue-tsai (菊花齋).

You can easily find the brothers' three shops, which are all in the vicinity of the Temple in downtown Hongwan(Fengyuan) which is on route 3, about 8 minutes drive off the freeway.

Certainly there are many mooncake purveyors around the island that pump out much larger quantities than these four but none can match the prestigious names nor fame amongst real moon cake connoissuers.

The typical Taiwan moon cakes are of two types, sweet and non-sweet. The sweet cakes are made of wheat flour cake with a filling of small dried green mung beans ground into paste with pork added. The non-sweet cakes can contain a number of various ingredients, but basically bean paste with either egg yolk or peanuts, etc., and are a bit salty.

Especially in the Taipei area most mooncakes are of Cantonese style which are generally much sweeter than the traditional Taiwanese sweet moon cakes.

Watch the moon, eat moon cakes, and beware of the calories! ◈

YOUTH .....

anything that will be around more than five years. All the choices are nobodies when it comes to real human values. And there is an edge of dumbness in the implied reasoning behind the choices. We are tempted to remember H. L. Mencken's most famous quip, "Nobody ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American people."

On a hunch we conducted a parallel poll among Chinese in the stipulated age group, interviewing exactly one 29-year old medical student. This subject knew exactly with whom he would trade places. First, he would as soon be the dean of his medical school, a man he considers selfless and diligent in helping his underprivileged students. As second choice, he would be a certain Doctor Huang, a man who grew rapidly wealthy but gave all his money to the founding of a public hospital in a remote place where there was none. Third, he would swap with any anonymous rural Taiwan doctor able to minister to the poorest and most vulnerable of his people.

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SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS & OTHER FUN

UNITED AIRLINES/TYPA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 5th Biannual Open Tennis Championships will be held at the TYPA indoor tennis complex. This tournament is open to all expatriate members of the community. The two-weekend competition starts Friday Oct. 16 at 6:00PM Spectators are welcome and admission is free.

Additionally, all participants, family, and friends are invited to attend the post-tournament barbeque at TYPA after the last finals matches on Sunday, Oct. 25th.

All tournament prizes and plaques are provided by United Airlines and include round trip tickets to Tokyo and Seoul.

Registration Deadlines: *Singles events: Oct. 13 and doubles events: Oct. 20.*

Entry Fees: *NT$300 team, first event and NT$200 team, second & third events.*

Entry forms are available at TYPA or for more information call Bob Hartleip at TYPA: 871-4203, 871-4438.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

A pre-season softball tourney was held over a 2 weekend period last month. Rain on the 1st weekend forced the tourney to change the format from double elimination to single elimination, so some of the teams were out of luck before it even had a chance to rain again. Following are the last weekend of the tourney scores.

Sat. Sept. 12	Butchers	15	ICRT	0
	SOB's	11	SLOB's	3
	VFW	19	ELSI	2
Sun. Sept. 13	Teachers	7	Butchers	1
	(Teachers gained a slot in the final game)			
	VFW	5	SOB's	2

Teachers and the 'V' squared off for the final which the teachers won 10 – 6 due to the teachers scoring 7 in the top of the 3rd, the VFW pulled off the first triple play of the fall season on the SOB'S. ☞☞☞

VOLLEYBALL

An adult volleyball group meets Wednesday evenings 7 – 9PM at TYPA. Hopefully there will be enough people interested to form a league in due course. All volleyball enthusiasts call 871-4203 and help get this new sporting endeavour off the ground.

FALL SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

The new league has only one division and everyone will play each other once before the end-of-season tournament. Following is the schedule for October:

Sat. 3rd.	12:30	ELSI vs ICRT
	1:45	Teachers vs Eagles
	3:00	VFW vs Butchers
Sun. 4th	12:30	AIT vs Presidents
	1:45	President vs Teachers
	3:00	SOB's vs SLOB's
Sat. 10th	12:30	ELSI vs SOB's
	1:45	SOB's vs ICRT
	3:00	ICRT vs Presidents
	4:15	President vs Bankers
Sun. 11th	12:30	VFW vs AIT
	1:45	AIT vs Eagles
	3:00	Eagles vs Butchers
	4:15	Butchers vs Teachers
Sat. 17th	12:30	Eagles vs SLOB's
	1:45	SLOB's vs ELSI
	3:00	ELSI vs Bankers
	4:15	Bankers vs Butchers
Sun. 18th	12:30	ICRT vs VFW
	1:45	VFW vs SOB's
Sat. 24th	12:30	SOB's vs AIT
	1:45	AIT vs ELSI
	3:00	ELSI vs Butchers
	4:15	Butchers vs SLOB's
Sun. 25th	12:30	Eagles vs Presidents
	1:45	Teachers vs Bankers
Sat. 31st	12:30	Teachers vs AIT
	1:45	AIT vs ICRT
	3:00	ICRT vs Bankers
	4:15	Bankers vs SOB's
Sun. 1st Nov.	12:30	Presidents vs VFW
	1:45	VFW vs SLOB's

CHUCKLER

Golfer: *"I'm eager to make this shot. That's my wife up there by the clubhouse."*

Friend: *"Don't be stupid, it's over 200 yards . . . you can't hit her from here."*

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Interested persons have the following choices:

Mondays: *Mixed (men & women) league 7:30PM contact Phyllis Elliott 892-8647.*

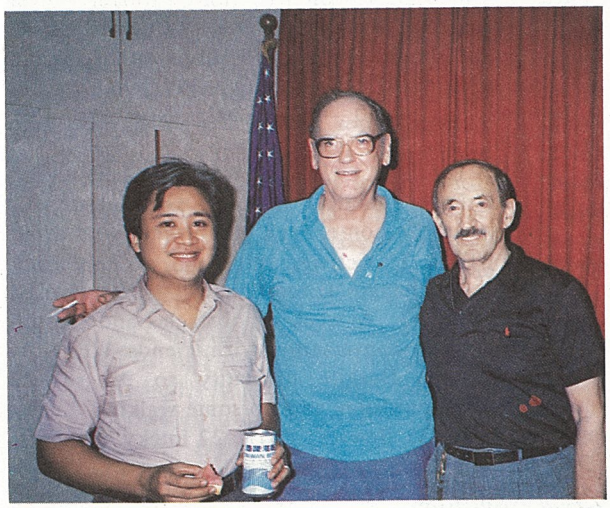
Tuesdays: *Men's League. 7:30PM Contact Stan Firme 835-7587 or Don Webster 882-2475 (day)*

Fridays: *Ladies League. 10AM. Contact Linda Moulin 892-3010.*

All three leagues bowl at the TYRC lanes on Chung-shan N. Rd., near the Grand Hotel.

MEN'S BOWLING AWARDS & ELECTIONS

Last month's party/meeting of the Men's International Handicap Bowling League saw the summer league awards presented (see Sports, Sept. 1987) and annual elections which returned Don Webster as President; Joseph Dikoff new Vice-Pres., and everlasting Stan Firme as able and everlasting Secretary.



Men's summer bowling awardees, l – r: Bill Martin, Firebugs (3rd); Tony Yanker, Cooties (2nd); Ronnie Lim, Hilton (1st).

Men's bowling 87-88 officers, l – r: Stan Firme, Secy.; Don Webster, Pres.; Joe Dikoff, V. Pres.

SPORTS TRIVIA

1. Where and how long ago did bowling originate?
2. Who invented Volleyball; when and where?
3. What is the world's most popular road race?
4. In ice hockey when was the Stanley Cup first awarded?
5. What is the longest time a high jumper has stayed off the ground?

ANSWERS PG. 23

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CHINESE BELIEVE IT OR NOT

In third-century China, kites were used as games, ritual objects, musical instruments, transmitters of messages, distance-measuring devices, and weapons.

GET INVOLVED... ...IN SPORTS

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Bowling (Ladies) . . .	Linda Moulin	892-3010
Bowling (mixed) . .	Phyllis Elliott	892-8647
Chess	Robert Yu	571-1867
Cricket	Trevor Maycock . .	717-3867
Darts	Jack Wang	311-1741
Field Hockey	TYPA	871-4203
Go-Karting	J.D. Liaw	762-9120
Grass skiing	Gene Chang	581-8668
Hang-Gliding	Fred Wong	713-4134
Hash Jogging (men's) .	"Guru" Narayan . .	871-4068
Hash Jogging (mixed).	Dick Genobles . . .	872-7227
Soccer	Henry Grimbal . . .	543-1666
Softball (men's) . . .	Mike Wedge	872-7693
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ARIES (20 Mar – 20 Apr) WEEK 1: Stick to the the reserved, modest people in your group. Beware of unpleasantness because of an irresponsible social life. WEEK 2: Try to understand others. A new viewpoint might develop but only after a difficult period. Ride the wave of possible false accusations. WEEK 3: Financial stress and possible family problems. WEEK 4: Things get better – happy social life and a pleasant surprise. Perhaps a short trip. Lucky Days: 17, 20, 28 Beware: 15, 22, 24 Lucky Numbers: 22, 199, 6983.

TAURUS (21 Apr – 21 May) WEEK 1: Harmony; meeting nice people, social success, good entertainment – but be casual in your contacts. Singles look for late week romance. WEEK 2: Mental and spiritual enlightenment possibly bearing on your emotional life. Be prepared to meet unpredictable events decisively. WEEK 3: You will be able to make effective decisions. Look for a slight shift in career and possible financial aid. WEEK 4: A friend's talk might be displeasing. Don't evade final decisions but look carefully and come to a conclusion. Lucky Days: 8, 19, 24 Beware: 10, 20, 27, 30 Lucky Numbers: 118, 2055, 3675.

GEMINI (22 May – 21 June) WEEK 1: Unpredicable and temperamental people are around you and a loved one might cause concern. Don't allow relatives to interfere. WEEK 2: Do not listen to persons who are overly worried about money. WEEK 3: The wrong person might fascinate you – control impulses and emotions even if painful. WEEK 4: A good week especially for travel and friendships. This is a memorable period. Singles might find potential spouses, for the first time, while far from home. Lucky Days: 8, 11, 20, 31 Beware: 5, 7, 19, 27 Lucky Nymbers: 743, 6983, 8819.

CANCER (22 June – 23 July) WEEK 1: Beware of new aquaintances or companions; watch your money. WEEK 2: Fully utilize your talents. Don't hesitate to do extra work irregardless of untoward comment. WEEK 3: Close your ears to gossip – don't get involved in idle chatter. Don't form or voice strict opinions now and otherwise rely on your social instincts. WEEK 4: Strong chances for private personal problems. A possible major change or financial loss and a choice between all or nothing. Lucky Days: 9, 14, 22, 29 Beware: 1 – 3, 10, 20 Lucky Numbers: 102, 7840, 9732.

LEO (24 July – 23 Aug) WEEK 1: Cleanse yourself mentally and physically – get tuned up for a big improvement. Also clean-up home and workplace. WEEK 2: Life needs freshness; look for fast changes. Check your goals. WEEK 3: A period of conservatism that some might not like but others applaud. Express your true feelings to gain future results. WEEK 4: A pleasurable week, good for social affairs entertaining and visitors. Don't go out of the way for unexpected visitors but be pleasant. Lucky Days: 8, 17, 22 Beware: 4, 10 – 11, 25, 31 Lucky Numbers: 232, 7871, 8906.

VIRGO (24 Aug – 23 Sept) WEEK 1: Indecision and doubt early-week especially toward sudden situations. Don't complain nor seek advice. Seek solitude to ride out this period. WEEK 2: A time for relaxation and possible holidays. A new and exciting project might result from having jumped at an earlier chance. WEEK 3: Delays and irritations. Probably better to bide your time. Not a time for lending. WEEK 4: Romantic atmosphere prevails. Go ahead with plans and find ways around difficulties. Lucky Days: 7, 12 – 14, 20 Beware: 8, 19, 30 – 31. Lucky Numbers: 122, 1241, 1806.

LIBRA (24 Sept – 23 Oct) WEEK 1: Adjust your affairs in a practical manner. Good time for changes in the home. Seek compromise and avoid argument. WEEK 2: Activity brings an exciting time with possible big changes. Good financial picture the last few days. WEEK 3: A week of obstacles and frustrations. Seek help in conversation with friends. WEEK 4: Forget the past. Despite difficulty to do so, be industrious. Get outdoors and do some walking. Lucky Days: 7, 15, 20, 31 Beware: 2, 13, 22 Lucky Numbers: 7, 309, 5617.

SCORPIO (24 Oct – 22 Nov) WEEK 1: Loved ones are essential to you now. Beware of legal problems and a threat to reputation. Do not put demands on anyone. Go about things properly and aid will come. WEEK 2: A week of difficulties but just ignore them and at end week relax and enjoy. WEEK 3: Be sure you are prepared for where you are going. Check all money matters – pay bills. WEEK 4: Look for a lucky day casting favor on the future. For singles this might mean romance. A good time for major changes. Lucky Days: 7, 12, 20 Beware: 8, 17 – 19, 31 Lucky Numbers: 111, 7867, 8904.

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ANGEL'S: AROUND THE WORLD IN AN HOUR

We hesitated a long time before trying Angel's place over on Tun-hua South because when we set forth with appetites aflame, food, how it is cooked, how it is served, and what it costs is all we care about. And with a gal like Angel Yin around who needs food? But in the end we found a wide selection of the main object of our quest.

The cry over the air is "Angel's has everything" so we provided three stomachs instead of the customary two to cover as much as possible in a culinary tour that took us to both ends of Italy, New Orleans, France, New Zealand, Bombay and Canton. What we discovered during this odyssey is that if Angel's ambitious table has any drawbacks they are mostly of nomenclature rather than tastiness.

For starters Angel's pizza was a revelation with an authentic pizza crust. Never mind that what we enjoyed would not be recognized by Zi Teressa in Naples as a margharita, (there was no tomato) it was good anyway.

The 'Bouillabaisse' without benefit of saffron did not greet the eye as we remember it in either Marseilles or Valencia, but if its tinned scollops could have been replaced with fresh bass or something we could give it a good score as a seafood stew. Angel's shrimp cocktail, with a dash of horseradish in the sauce was up to standard, if not better than most. Carbonara pasta dishes, like God's house, haveth many mansions and everybody thinks he knows the way to the tastiest one. Angel's version with fettucini was delicious by any name. A Cantonese sweet-sour, spicy chicken dish reminded us that we are still in China and left nothing to be desired. Angel's version of Bombay chicken curry follows an unfamiliar recipe but was nevertheless tasty, however the house was fresh out of chutney and curry without chutney is like a kiss without lips.

Alas in considering the deputy's unfortunate selection of a main dish, Angel's chefs had gone one hemisphere too far in their far flung program. The lamb chops were chipmunk-sized and tragically overcooked. But Grapevine's daring gambit ended on a happy note with Angel's Godmother's special from her Mafia days, "deep fried ice cream balls." This could not be an easy dish to prepare under any conditions, and Angel's galley did it superbly. Again, our only comment is in the nomenclature. We distinctly read "balls" on the menu but in the observance only one ball turned up.

Grapevine long ago gave up lamenting the prices charged for wine at nearly all Taipei's foreign style restaurants and has learned to settle down to repasts with candlelight and water. But on the other hand diner's at Angel's benefits from a combo and two pretty Chinese girls singing "Encore" style pieces without the penalty of a cover charge. Our total bill for three came to NT$1,426 without any beverages included.

GOURMET TRIVIA

1. What is an *Aam*?
2. Where did the liquer *Absinthe* originate?
3. The *banana* is native to what country?
4. What is *German Beefsteak*?
5. *V.S.O.P.* on a liquor bottle means what?
6. What is an *egg-apple*?
7. *English Monkey* is better known as what?
8. *Guinea Fowl* belong to what family of birds?
9. What is a *burgoo*?
10. In the food trade by whom and for what would a *rasp* be used for?

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DINING IN

As promised in this month's health section, here are some non-oriental tofu ideas with delicious results:

TOFU FLORENTINE

1 block firm tofu (1 lb. or 500g.)
¼ cup soy sauce
1 lb. (500 gr.) spinach, chopped

SAUCE

3 Tbsp. olive oil
½ cup finely chopped onion
3 Tbsp. whole wheat flour
1 cup low fat milk
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
Salt and pepper to taste

1. Freeze bean curd overnight. Thaw, drain, slice in 8 pieces. Brush with ¼ cup soy sauce. Set aside.
2. Wash and steam spinach. Chop finely. Drain, Set aside.
3. Heat the 3 tablespoons olive oil. Add the onion and cook gently until the onion is very soft, but brown. Add the flour and cook, stirring for 2 minutes. Slowly stir in the milk, worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, slowly, stirring until sauce is thickened.
4. In another sauce pan, mix ½ of the sauce with the drained, chopped spinach. Heat gently. Keep warm.
5. Brown the tofu slices on both sides in a non-stick or well oiled skillet. Pre-heat broiler.
6. Spread the spinach mixture in a greased, shallow, oven-proof baking dish. Arrange the tofu on top. Spread the remaining sauce over all.
7. Place dish in broiler for 2-3 minutes to lightly brown sauce topping.

Serve hot. Serves 4.

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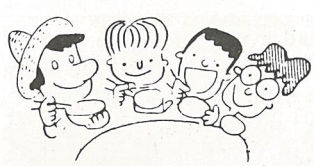

WANDERING CHOPSTICKS

with Arno Penn

Wandering chopstickers chow down

Last month the wanderers, had their first go at Hakka style food. This was a first, even for the old timers, so nobody knew quite what to expect.

The restaurant, named Ku-chia-tsun, was well recommended by native friends as meeting our general criteria of quality food at *reasonable* (which sounds better than *cheap)* prices. However, upon entering this establishment one begins to have doubts. To say the least it is unpretentious, but despite this initial impression sixteen loyal chopstickers crossed it's threshold to enjoy a suprisingly adequate Sunday dinner.

This most congenial membership was well assorted, with six nationalities plus a couple of re-located New Yorkers, which made the food and the company equally interesting.

The Hakka cooking, at least at our choice, differs from other ethnic styles mainly in the use of garlic and anise for flavorings. The garlic was not chopped into the food but rather whole cloves were used so one enjoyed the flavor without having to munch on a lot of it, and fresh anise leaves added a slightly exotic flavor.

We enjoyed ourselves through a menu that included stewed tofu with mushrooms 香菇豆腐 ; beef and mustard greens 芥蘭牛肉 ; deep fried cuttle-fish 炸雙併 in two styles with a distinctly different sweet-sour dipping sauce 酸甜醬 : shrimp (shelled) with onions 客家蝦仁 ; stewed eggplant 紅燒茄子 ; fried chicken 客家炒雞 ; fried fresh green vegetable 清炒A菜 ; white gourd and clam soup 冬瓜蛤仔湯 ; finished off with fresh (and a bit sour) pineapple. We took the waiter's advice that fresh fish wasn't up to par on Sundays.

By popular vote the beef with mustard greens, stewed eggplant and shrimp with onions were the winners. The deep fried cuttlefish would probably have also been given the nod if it were only the white, meaty portions without the reddish, tough and tasteless tendrils.

When the bill was presented one and all suddenly realized why this eatery lacked frivolous frills and extras in it's decor. Including 12 bottles of Taiwan beer (at NT$50 each), and a couple liters of soda the meal came to precisely NT$191 per person!

The Ku-chia-tsun (客家村餐廳) is located at 27 Nanking East Rd., Sec. 5台北市南京東路5段27號 near the Kuang-fu Rd. intersection. Tel. 765-4891. Join us this month for a szechuan treat – see notice below

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BARSTOOL VIEWS

By Durdley Drinkright

Comes the autumnal equinox and a bit of beloved coolness so I can get out of the pub route rut and branch out onto the town a bit. This found me wandering along Tun-hua where I chanced upon a likely looking spot for a libation, all lit up and glittering like Liberace's second coming. Well, I saunters in and locates the bar . . . lo and behold who's gracing the backside of that bar but J. Sherbet Groover, the former Scandihoovian poet-turned-bartender and a recent second runner-up for the title of down & outer of the decade.

"Hey barkeep," I bellows, like a water buffalo in mating season, "how about a little booze over this way."

Well, I'll tell you ole Groover spun around like one of the Pu Hau Club's prize-winning cockroaches had just buzzed into his shorts.

"Our *bar hostess* serves the customers," he haughtily informs me, "and I am *not a bartender.*"

"Groover," I says, "I know you aren't a bartender, but I won't tell anyone . . . . it'll be our little secret."

"I mean I am not called a bartender, I am a *beverage consultant.*"

"You mean *insultant,*" I retorts, "Groover you don't know a transvestite's douche from a Pink Lady. Beverage Consultant – HAH! How about Drink Destroyer? If beer had to be mixed you'd still be trying to write poems in Lapland."

Needless to mention, I moved out of that joint like an engineered enema, before Groover could translate his thoughts into English and have a verbal hemorrhage.

Gad, there I was back on the pavement, dodging betelnut globs, and still bone dry and hungry. Suddenly I caught the smell of rancid fat, which had somehow miraculously wafted through the smog, and I runs smack into one of those O'Wong "under the fallen arches" shops.

Not having dined (and I use the term *dined* as loosely as is possible) in a fast-food joint in recent memory I really went for it whole hog. Everything in O'Wongs begins with an "0", so I had a Big O'Muck, a plate of O'Buggerits, which resembled mashed cockroach balls, . . . er, I mean balls made of mashed cockroaches . . . a bowl of beef O'Nerdles, finally topped off by an "O S – – t when I got the bill.

I'll tell you that was really fast food, it passed through me, Sam's latrine and into the Keelung River before sundown. Not even Aufgepist Beer could slow it down. They aren't only using horsemeat . . . it must be racehorse meat.

Obviously, if I was going to make it through a full drinking day immediate action was of the esscence. So I tightens up on the old splinchter, bites the bullet so to speak, and trot-t-ts over to the local purveyor of non-prescription balms, pills, potions, lotions and male contraceptives for both sexes.

I was just in the act of choking down old Doc Wong's magical intestine knotting mixture, which entails a lot of dramatics, when who should stagger in but 'Gaucho' Grubble, former second sanitary engineer on some sea-going monument to decadent debauchery and more recently of floating fibreglass fame.

"Grubble you look horrible," greets I, "You *must* be stone sober."

"I am, I am," he growls bloodshot orbs ready to roll out; even his moustache had the DT's. "I need a doctor."

"Amazing! What, in the name of all that's holy, brought on such a serious disorder in an old soak like you?" I asks incredulously.

"C-Constipation," he gasps, "I'm full to the portholes and can't discharge cargo. Wheres a doctor?"

"Well now, stop hyperventilating and hustle your miserable overloaded, pressurized carcass over to that O'Wong joint, grab a bite and make full steam ahead for the Tamsui River – thanks to your's truly the Keelung's already at flood tide . . . and remember Grubble, there are more old drunks than old doctors." ◈

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THAI WOMEN DEMONSTRATE

Our erstwhile Thailand reporter, better known as the Pattaya Pig, recently and belatedly, after being lost in the wilds of Patpong for a month or so, sent in a report, hand-carried by a local refugee from the same excursion who tells us that P.P. (Pattaya Pig) is now writing a book entitled "How to Get Lost In Patpong."

Unfortunately, due to the rather shaky and blurred handwriting (we understand that his portable Olivetti lies unredeemed with some Patpong pawnbroker) the editorial staff has pieced together the following report:

In a back street in Bangkok we observed a peaceful demonstration making up, with banners reading "Boycott the Sexist Olympics," and probably headed towards some South Korean facility. The fine print on the banners argued that it is disgraceful that women athletes must be ghettoized at the Olympiads into teams of their own and denied the right to compete openly with the men.

Prior to this time we had been at the mercy of sexist anatomists who postulate that men have stronger upper body muscles than do women. But thank goodness we've been straightened out now, and the real reason that the ladies are not pole-vaulting 25 feet and throwing the 16-pound shot out of the stadium is that they are not allowed to complete against the absolute champs. It makes darned good sense to us, and we unconditionally join with the Bangkok demonstrators in urging the national Olympic Committees to enter single national teams selected on ability alone without reference to sex, race, color, creed or Dunn and Bradstreet credit ratings. And may the best *persons* win.

P.P., who says that there are *muscles* . . . and then there are *muscles,* goes on with his own lewd and lurid recommendations of new events which might be put up specifically for the aspiring Thai women athletes, culminating the Patpong Sexist Olympics to be held quarterly instead of every fourth year. However, to avoid censure by an onslaught of governmental, school and church authorities we have duly castrated the balance of P.P.'s effort, which we understand is also what is wife wants to do to him. ◈

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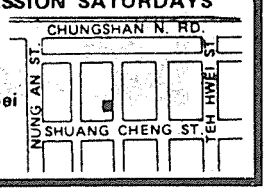

DURDLEY'S DEFINITIONS

Aviary: *A dormitory for airplane pilots.*
Divorce Lawyer: *A man of affairs.*
Nostalgia: *Something that isn't what it used to be.*
Peace: *A time out to cheat between wars.*
Yoga: *A fermented milk product from India.*

. . . sigh. . . . I can't recall having a life before I read . . . Durdley . . .

HELL IN TEXAS

Quite by accident, since no remotely sane person would do so on purpose, I recently ran into two Texans bellied up to the bar at one of the local beer dispenseries. Now, in my experience Texans, not unlike Irishmen, are generally not too hard to take on their own, but any gathering of two or more constitutes such a massive production of the proverbial B.S. that you might as well stand on your bar stool to keep your feet out of it. Of course it doesn't require the services of a psychologist to know that this is just their revolting way of covering up for the miserable, godforsaken environment from whence they come. And to convince those intrepid Texans that we are not totally ignorant it seemed only fitting to flaunt the following ditty across our pages:

The devil, we're told, in hell was chained,
And a thousand years he there remained,
And he never complained, nor did he groan,
But determined to start a hell of his own
Where he could torment the souls of men
Without being chained in a prison pen.
So he asked the Lord if He had on hand
Anything left when He made the land.
The Lord said, "Yes, I had plenty on hand,
But I left it down by the Rio Grande.
The fact is, old boy, the stuff is so poor,
I don't think you could use it in hell any more."
After examining it careful and well
Devil concluded the place was too dry for hell.

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Texas, cont'd . . . . . .

So in order to get it off His hands
God promised the devil to water the lands.
For he had some water, or rather some dregs,
A regular cathartic that smelt like bad eggs.
Hence the deal was closed and the deed was given,
And the Lord went back to His place in Heaven.
And the devil said, "I have all the is needed
To make a good hell," and thus he succeeded:
To began he put thorns on all the trees,
And he mixed the sand with millions of fleas,
He scattered tarantulas along all the roads,
Put thorns on the cacti and horns on the toads;
He lengthened the horns of the Texas steers
An put an addition on jack rabbits ears.
The rattlesnake bites you, the scorpion stings,
The mosquito delights you by buzzing his wings.
The sand burrs prevail, so do the ants,
And those that sit down need half soles on their pants.
The devil then said that throughout the land
He'd manage to keep up the devil's own brand,
And all would be mavericks unless they bore
The marks of scratches and bites by the score.
The heat in the summer is a hundred and ten,
Too hot for the devil and too hot for men.
The wild boar roams through the the black chaparral,
It's a hell of a place he has for a hell;
Red pepper grows by the bank of the dry brook,
And Mexicans use it in all that they cook.
Just dine with a Mex and then you will shout,
"I've hell on the inside as well as without."

HORSESHOE REFURBISHES

The live music pub. The Horseshoe, on Shuang-cheng St. pubrow, just completed refurbishment for a new and refreshed atmosphere. Check out the Horseshose (see ad this section) for late evening paino and guitar entertainment complete with requests and sing-alongs, or whatever the crowd might fancy. Join in the fun.

FACELIFT AT MARINERS

Mariners Pub has undertaken a complete facelifting and a bit of shifting and relocation of primary parts. The girls-in-charge are all aglow and producing unparalelled service to their clientele in this all-new interior. The Mariner is waiting for you (see ad this section) over at Shuang-cheng St., Lane 25 – don't miss it.

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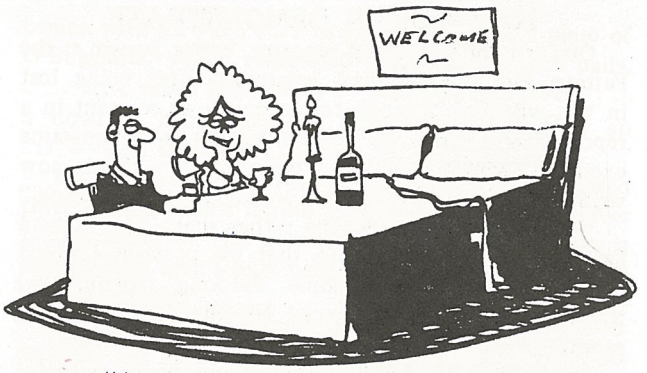

"Are you trying to tell me something?"

DURDLEY'S FACTS

The word "hooker", referring to a prostitute, originated with U.S. Army Civil War General Joseph Hooker, whose penchant for paid female companionship was widely known.

"DEWEY STEVENS" WINE COOLERS HIT TAIWAN

The refreshing taste of "Dewey Stevens" brand wine coolers – made from a mixture of premium white wine, natural orange and passion fruit juices and carbonated water – has arrived on Taiwan. The Dewey Stevens coolers, made in the USA by Anheuser-Busch, feature an alcohol content of 4% (roughly the same as most beers), a unique light flavor and only one-third the calories of other wine coolers.

The first shipment of Dewey Stevens was imported from the USA by Bai Win Mercantile Corp., Ltd. in early September. Sam Sun and his reknowned Sam's Place pubs in Taipei, Taichung and Kaohsiung will be the "bar area" distributors in those cities, with Bai Win handling other accounts directly. In addition to Sam's Place, the Dewey Stevens coolers can now be found in a number of watering holes in Taipei popular with the foreign community, including the Farmhouse, Ploughman's Inn, VFW, and Jake's.

The Dewey Stevens wine coolers come in attractive 355ml bottles and fourpacks, and are expected to be very popular in Taiwan, especially among those people looking for a refreshing, fruity change of pace from hard liquor drinks or the glut of beers on the market.

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YOUTH .....

We know that this is conclusive of nothing, but possibly indicative of one thing; and that is that local young men have a way to go before inspiring such a work as Professor Bloom's current best-selling "The Closing of the American Mind," a tome which one reviewer insists should be subtitled "Why Young Americans Are Such S – – T." ◈

TEA .....

superior in Taiwan. Other good varieties in Taiwan include Wu Yi (deep color, rich flavor), Lung Ching (light green color, rather sharp flavor), and Bao Chung (medium color, full flavor). All of these varieties, as well as a wonderful assortment of pots, cups, trays, and other accessories, are readily available at tea shops and tea houses throughout Taiwan. Prices for teas range anywhere from NT$20 to NT$1000 per Chinese oz (*liang*). NT$200 per *liang* is about right for a really good gourmet leaf.

One of the best ways to learn the art of Chinese tea and begin to appreciate both its gourmet and therapeutic properties is to spend some time testing and tasting different varieties in some of the excellent *cha-yi-guan* ("tea art houses") in Taiwan. There are dozens of them in Taipei alone, but the recently established "Willow Moon Tea Room" on Chung Hsiao East Road, Section 4, is a particularly pleasant place to cultivate the art of Chinese tea. Owned and operated by Professor Patrick Y.S. Yang and several of his students, the Willow Moon Tea Room caters to an eclectic crowd of students, shoppers, teachers, and passers-by and offers a variety of gourmet coffees, light snacks, and cocktails as well. The address of this house, plus one each in Taichung and Kaohsiung are given below:

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For those who wish to read the whole story on the art of Chinese tea in all its various aspects, including its entire history in China, by far the best book available in English is John Blofeld's authoritative, beautifully written THE CHINESE ART OF TEA, published by Shambhala Publications in 1985. In the autographed copy which he presented me in Bangkok earlier this year, he jotted the following inscription:

"A loaf of bread is good enough for supper.

But no teabag can produce a tasty 'cup-a!" *Lee Dan*

GOULD .....

last month's introduction, as a panelist, of a card-carrying avowed homosexual to plead for sane practices among his Chinese counterparts towards the control of AIDS. The gay advocate had his voice altered electronically to avoid identification, and recent precedents of the public appearances of such socially proscribed people had been established by the vernacular TV, but journeys this far out of the homosexual closet are still big news here.

Nick lists as some of his proudest endeavors a program that nearly produced blows concerning the local movie quota system, one in which Professor Donald Gillan discussed with unaccustomed candor elements of the Nationalist defeat on the mainland and a program dealing entirely in personal and familiar terms with the late President Chiang Kai-shek.

By this date Nick Gould has refereed 148 weekly editions of Issues and Opinions, and the show has as strong a following among English-speaking locals as it has among the expats. But in the meantime what has become of that young New Yorker who might have become another Lawrence Olivier? "I'd forgotten about that," Nick says. ◈

BUSES .....

that as many as 16 seated passengers have absolutely no place for their legs except in their mouths. Many of the buses have broken seats and are either filthy or soaking wet from the primitive methods employed in cleaning them.

The 10 eared tickets used by the entire riding public, except students, deserve special derision. For they have probably killed more men than the Battle of Agincourt. Not only does the tedious process of having the driver clip these stupid things one-by-one, hold up every departure by minutes, but causes direct and dire peril to everyone on board. Invariably the driver will set sail with one of these tickets in his right hand and his punch in the other so that for the first ten yards or so the bus is steering free. This system should be replaced immediately by tokens which make the airconditioned buses much safer – if not actually cooler.

In addition, every Taipei city bus driver should win a roundrip to Indianapolis to compete in the 500. The Porsche team wouldn't have a chance.

There is something terribly un-Chinese about Taipei bus drivers. Neither do they show any joy at receiving visitors from abroad, nor do they demonstrate filial piety or even common courtesy. No one can blame them for hating their jobs, but they have no right to take it out on the common man.

We single out for a special prize one driver from each sex; Taiwan's own Hotrod Harry, who drives on the 194 line, was clocked at freeway speeds on Hsin-hai Rd. one dull Sunday, and Sadistic Suzy, on the 72 line, can beat any of her colleagues at passenger skittles. No "*please move to the back*" from Suzy; she puts her passengers there in a heap with one gear shift, and she obviously loves her job. ◈

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3. Which capital city was known until 1924 as Kristiana?
4. Where will you find 'Cinecitta'?
5. Which island produces most of the world's carob?
6. Which USSR city lies close to the same latitude as Rome, Istanbul and Chicago?
7. Tanganyika and Zanzibar joined to form what?
8. Which cathedral did Monet paint again and again?
9. Name the capital of Morocco.
10. The Galapagos Islands are a province of which country?
11. The capital of which country is named after a U.S. president?
12. Which part of Africa was named by Vasco da Gama in 1497?
13. Which African lake did John Speke reach in 1858?
14. The Mekong River runs through what six countries?
15. The Trans-Siberian railway runs for 6000 miles between which two cities?

PUZZLERS

1. What number composed of nine figures, if multiplied by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, will give a product with 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (in that order), in the last nine places to the right?
2. Can the reader give the sum of all the whole numbers that can be formed with the four figures 1, 2, 3, 4? That is, the addition of all such numbers as 1,234, 1,423, 4,312, etc. You can, of course, write them all out and make the addition, but the interest lies in finding a very simple rule for the sum of all the numbers that can be made with four different digits selected in every possible way, but zero excluded.
3. Find all those numbers composed of three different different digits, such that each is divisible without remainder by the square of the sum of those digits. Thus, in the case of 112, the digits sum to 4, the square of which is 16, and 112 can be divided by 16 without remainder, but unfortunately 112 does not contain three *different* digits. Can you find all the possible answers?

SWITCHEROO

Without rearranging the order, you are to change every letter, one step at a time, so that your five steps will have changed every letter in the word. Each change must result in a real word. Once you have changed a letter do not change that letter again. HANDICAP: Words must be everyday words; no proper names, foreign or poetic words, contractions, or archaic words. You may change the letters in any order, and you may change to a letter which appears in the original word. Your solution may differ from ours.

1. starting word:

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CRYPTOGRAMS

In cryptograms, you are given sentences in which one set of letters is substituted for another. The words are in their right order with a space after each. For example: A BIG CAT, M SWX UMY. Here M is substituted for A, S for B, W for I, etc. You can break each code by watching for the frequency of certain letters or the way they are grouped. You know that a single letter is usually A or I, that the word THE occurs very often in English as does AND. Try IS, IT, OF and other common words when you find a group of two letters.

1. A Y T H D B Y T E N Y P Y O O T D F N
   I D Q T D R Y F B T D R Q I Y A L W T
   Y F B A Y T H P D U N H P Y H I D W W D S
   E N O W N Y U Y F H H D D.
2. F S F G T L G Z R C S V R U F J X Z G –
   G F L R V S Z V K V Y M Z Y A V
   T P V T B Z M T X V Y G Z W T G
   R Z W A T G U Z C T Y V T R E T U G
   S Y U F W A S Z A V S V K V W E F S P
   P F J.
3. L C V X B R G W A G V J Y V J G X P N H
   P K V X B K A J L J W K H R J C Y B X W
   G H R N H R J V X E J H X W – K H J.

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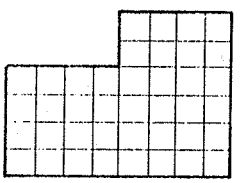
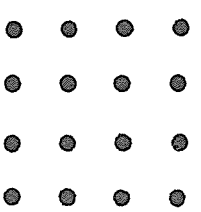
Can you cut the figure below to make two identical parts?



COMING TO THE POINT

Connect the sixteen points Without raising your pencil; in six straight lines; without going through the same point twice (but the lines can cross each other); and ending on the first point, thereby making a closed circuit.



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HOROSCOPE .....

SAGITTARIUS (23 Nov – 21 Dec) WEEK 1: Despite best efforts possibily nothing will be achieved. Time to take it easy and ride the tide. WEEK 2: Beware of depression – talk things over with a caring friend. Avoid self pity. WEEK 3: A romantic atmosphere. Cultivate a futuristic viewpoint. Remain unpretentious and conventional. WEEK 4: Have business matters under complete control. Success lies in practical plans and a practical attitude. Avoid exhaustion. Lucky Days: 8, 12, 19, 28 Beware: 10, 17, 22 Lucky NUmbers: 5, 181, 7423.

CAPRICORN (22 Dec – 20 Jan) WEEK 1: Get important work done early and be prepared for surprises later in the week. WEEK 2: Play things straight and don't push your luck. Practice self-discipline and keep things simple. Don't lend or borrow. WEEK 3: Beware of useless talk that has no good purpose or result. Avoid involvement in new things. Stay home, enjoy music, write. WEEK 4: A good week for getting your money's worth and maybe more. A time to sell for good profit. Get rid of bits and pieces. ☞☞☞

Relax and enjoy. Lucky Days: 10 – 14, 20 Beware: 18, 22, 30 Lucky Numbers: 227, 718, 9143.

AQUARIUS (21 Jan – 19 Feb) WEEK 1: Seek out opportunities through people contact. Be open to new and different ideas. WEEK 2: Possible hard work now on a new project will pay off in the future. WEEK 3: Good time for reunions with family or old friends. A possible happy surprise visitor, if so treat them well. WEEK 4: Be confident and patient in the event of difficulties. Affection at home but avoid friends and neighbors. Lucky Days: 7, 19, 30 Beware: 4, 10, 22 Lucky Numbers: 176, 826, 2157.

PISCES (20 Feb – 19 Mar) WEEK 1: A time for quick decisions and mental exercise. Handle any sudden disappointment directly. WEEK 2: A leisurely week but keep your mind on necessities and essentials or face disaster. WEEK 3: Avoid over self-confidence especially toward the older or more experienced. Too much self importance might cause carelessness in communicating. WEEK 4: By chance you might find a hidden ability; if so use it generously. Others will seek your help. Lucky Days: 7, 20, 30 – 31 Beware: 13, 18, 22 Lucky Numbers: 78, 118, 2612.

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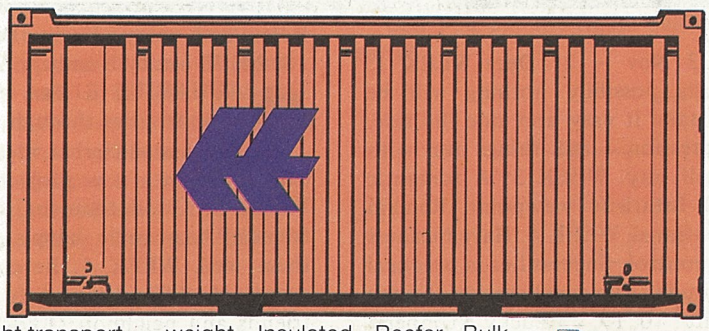

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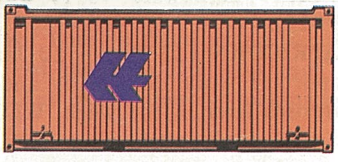

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